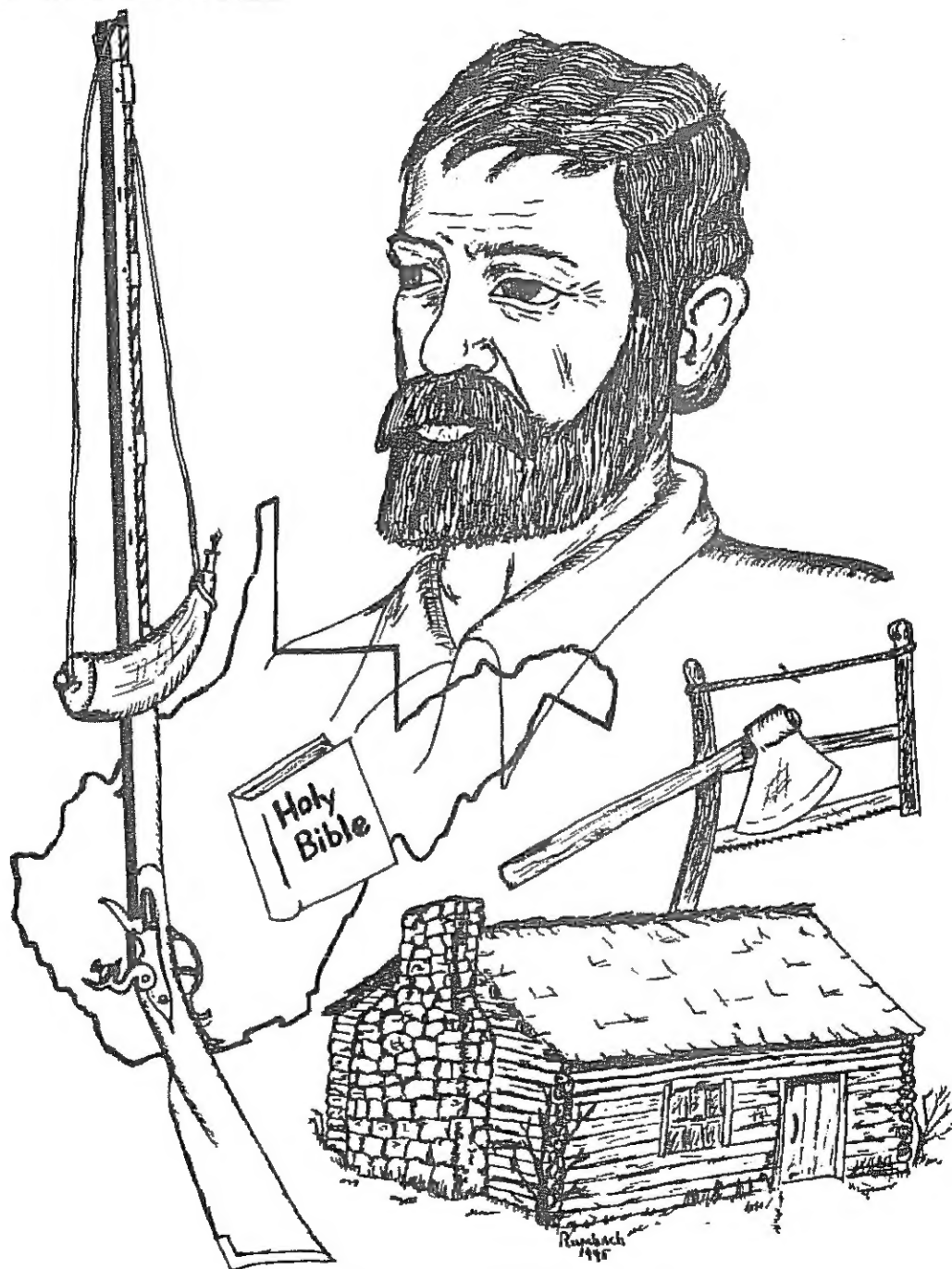


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# jots from joy

*Dear Cousins and Friends:*

Oh my ---- where do I begin. 1998 has certainly been a year of change, both for HCPD and for me. What started out as a sad year is ending on a much happier note.

We have moved our library to our new home in the Horner School after a successful campaign to raise the funds for some major renovations. Repairs to date have topped the \$50,000 mark and more are needed, including some further upgrading of the electric, some cement work on the sidewalk, insulation (can't be done until electrical work completed), storm windows, and siding. It is hoped that you, our members, will continue to support us in this work by your donations of both money and time.

When a researcher has been working on their family for as long as I (20+years), there's not a lot of research to do easily. I've fixed that! I've found a new family to research. On October 3, I married Daril W. Stalnaker at Stonecoal United Methodist Church here in Lewis County. Daril is a widower; his late wife, Josephine Perkey, died of cancer last December. Now I'm joining those researching the Alkires, the Stalnakers, the Sims, the Corathers, and the Chittums. I was already researching some of Daril's families - the Baileys, the Petersons, and the Lowthers. You see, we're also 5th cousins through two lines. Between us, Daril and I have 9 children, 29 grandchildren, and 8 greats. . . What a Christmas this one will be!

What else have I been doing? I was one of the speakers at GenExpo98 in St.Clairsville, Ohio, in October and I was also on the agenda in Holmes County, Ohio, the same month.

I continue to host "Along the Pike," a program on Weston's local station, WHAW (980 AM), on a weekly basis. This show is sponsored by a grant from the West Virginia Division of Tourism and one from Butcher & Layfield Lumber Company in Weston, together with cooperation from HCPD and the radio station. This show is one of the most popular on our little station.

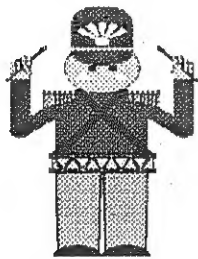
The Heritage Book Committee and I continue to work to bring you Lewis County: Her People and Places. Jane Crider and Arlof Gum are working together in Millersburg, Ohio, to format the stories that have been submitted. We are still in need of some topical histories to complete this project. It is hoped that the book will be ready for August 1999 delivery.

There are some special dates you should mark on your calendars. March 4. History Day at the West Virginia Legislature. HCPD will be one of about a hundred organizations that will be sharing our historic preservation needs with the legislature. We will have a display and will also be nominating a History Hero. Our members are urged to join us there.

April 19th. That's the date that HCPD will be sponsoring an Everton Workshop. Watch the next *Up The Creek* for further details.

Next year's gathering is slated for August 12-15. Mark that date, too. And, if you're planning to attend, it would be a good idea to make your motel reservations NOW. Both Comfort Inn and Super 8 have facilities in Weston. That's it for now, cousins and friends. Take care and have a Merry Christmas and a safe and sane New Year.

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## GUEST APPEARANCE

*by Bill Moore*

We live in a resort area of North Carolina where we rarely lack for visitors. Most pilgrims to our mountain provide us with pleasant experiences. But recently we had the visitor to end all visitors.

We were told that our guest couldn't stay at our house unless we went out and obtained a special kind of bed for him. So we did. He came accompanied by an entourage of three people whose mission in was to wait on him hand and foot. We were told we had to find places for them to stay. So we did.

He arrived with, of all things, an assortment of his own personal screwdrivers and in his spare moments, proceeded to disassemble about everything in the house. Unfortunately, his skill at taking things apart was far greater than his skill at putting them back together again, so someone had to follow him around and reassemble them. So we did.

We like to take first-time visitors to the lodge at Mount Pisgah in Asheville for lunch. The scenery usually bowls them over. But not this bird. We were barely over the bridge across the French Board River when he went to sleep, and he didn't wake up until we got to the lodge. He made a scene at lunch, refused to eat what had been ordered for him, and insisted on eating some else's meal. And before we could get out of the place, I caught him kissing the waitress.

He turned out to be real conversation killer. While he slept the rest of us walked around on tiptoe and spoke in hushed tones. While he was awake he tended to monopolize the talk in a voice that demanded careful attention. You might think we'd say, "Who needs a guest like this? We'll be glad to see him go, and we'll never invite him back." You might think that, but you'd be wrong.

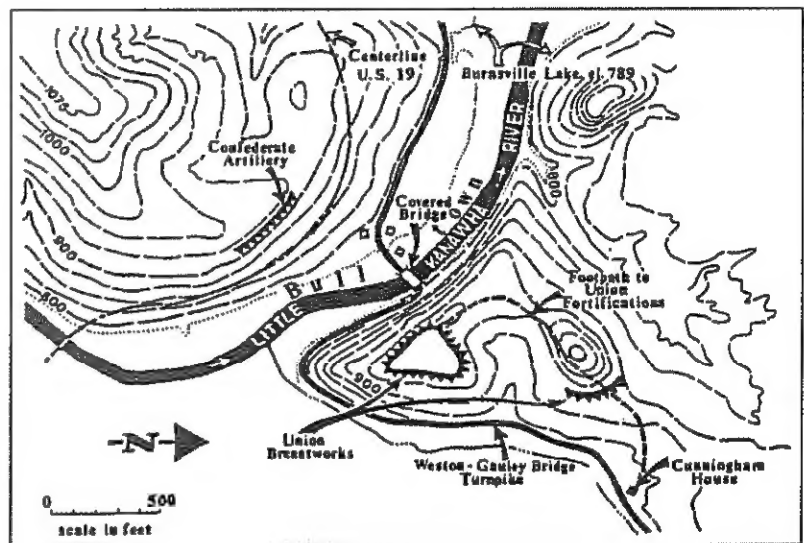
He is just three years old, and he calls me Grandpa. And he can come and disassemble the whole house anytime he wants.



## The Civil War Battle of Bulltown

On October 13, 1863, the Battle of Bulltown occurred near the Union trenches. This skirmish lasted only twelve hours. The Confederate forces were led by Colonel William L. Jackson (a native of Lewis County, Virginia...now West Virginia...and first cousin of "Stonewall" Jackson). The Confederates attacked the Union forces at 4:30 a.m. The Union forces, led by Captain Mattingly, repelled the attack on their fortifications and the battle finally ended about 4:30 p.m. There were apparently casualties on both sides, and one civilian casualty...Moses Cunningham...who ran out of his farmhouse into the line of fire and shouted "Hurrah for Jeff Davis!" He was clipped by a bullet but recovered.

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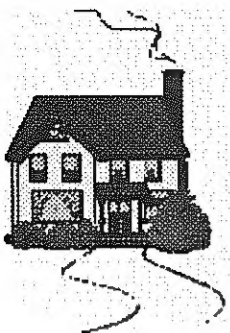
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## NOTES FROM THE ATTIC

The following notes were found among the papers of Dana M. **Forinash**, copied, and submitted to HCPD by Rosella G. (**Forinash**) **Sheets**. The author is unknown. If a reader recognizes something in these notes that would help identify the author or explain some of the circumstances described, please contact the Journal staff or Rosella (her address is in Journal Volume XVI, Issue #3).

### Valley Chapel M.P. Church

In 1926, Dr. Isaac Allen **Barnes'** book, *"The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia"*, was published.

In speaking of early M. P. classes, he said in part regarding Valley Chapel: "The society was organized in 1872 by William G. **McWhorter**, who came from Harrison County to this Community. Public worship was conducted in the Sandy Point School House until 1887, when the present meeting house was built under the Pastorate of Rev. David **Batten**."

Early members were William G. **McWhorter** and wife, James W. **Miller** and wife, William D. **Taylor** and wife, Powhatan **Taylor**, David C. **Smith** and wife, Henry **Linger** and wife, David H. **Burrough** and wife, Elias **Kidd** and wife, A. J. **Henline** and wife, Mary **Shoulders**, Lillian Miller **Forinash**, Celia Taylor **Moss**, and Martha Taylor **Gaines**.

Dr. **Barnes** mentioned also in his book that at the time of writing the book (1926) an examination of the class book showed the Community to have a population that changed little as he found the chief membership of the church to be made up of the **McWhorters**, **Millers**, **Lingers**, **Taylors**, **Kidds**, **Burroughs** and **Forinashes**.

Concerning William G. **McWhorter**, he wrote "The Christian character of Bro. **McWhorter** and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow Christians, is evidenced by the fact that he served as Class Leader for more than forty years. No higher compliment can be paid to any one than select him or her, as your spiritual Leader and example. It means you have the utmost confidence in his integrity, the highest respect for his Christian character, and a profound faith in the purity and sincerity of his daily life. To have occupied such a position among his fellowmen forty years is indeed a splendid compliment to the Christian character of William G. **McWhorter**."

The Trustees hold possession of the church lot by deed dated July 13, 1887, made by J. W. **Miller** and Martha Jane **Miller** his wife to William G. **McWhorter**, Albert **Taylor** and Henry **Linger**, Trustees, and their successor in office, said lot containing 11 square poles and 2 1/3 square yards. On record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Lewis County Book 18, page 273.

## Miller Cemetery

The first burial in this cemetery was in the nature of beginning a family burial plot. Tressie Ruth Miller, daughter of J. W. and Martha Jane Miller, having died April 21, 1887 aged 1 year, 5 months, was buried on her father's farm. Soon afterward a Mrs. Perrine, who lived in a house on the J. W. Miller farm, and whose husband was employed by J. W. Miller, died and was buried in a grave near the first one. No records exists of subsequent burials, but within the next few years, three children of G. W. and Clara Kidd, 7 children of Lewis and Lucy Queen, and some older people were buried in the Miller family plot.

The cemetery became church property on May 16, 1901 when J. W. Miller and Martha J. Miller, his wife, deeded 84 square poles to W. G. McWhorter, Albert Taylor and Henry Linger, Trustees. Recorded in Book 417 at page 53 in the Office of the County Clerk of Lewis County.

You will note that the Trustees were the same as those mentioned in the previous deed of the Church property While there is no record available, it is quite probable that their tenure of office continued unbroken until about 1912. In that case the same Trustees served continuously for 25 years.

Dr. Barnes could have paid a high tribute to the services of Mr. McWhorter, Taylor, and Linger as Trustees, as well as to Mr. McWhorter's services as Class Leader.

Nearly everyone knows something of the origin of Decoration Day, or Memorial Day as some call it, how it began as a tribute to those fallen in battle soon after the close of the War of the 1860's and how the idea gradually took hold that it was a day for honoring the memory of all who have passed.

About that time Valley Chapel began observing the day. Mrs. Grace Allman is authority for the fact that the first Decoration was held at the Miller Cemetery 47 years ago, Sunday, May 30, 1897, while the late G. V. Forinash was Superintendent of the Sunday School of Valley Chapel, and has been held continuously ever since.

(Rosella's Note: Using the last paragraph as a guide, this was likely written for Decoration Day in 1944.)



### The HCPD-List

Are you an HCPD member who has access to e-mail? You might want to consider joining the HCPD "List," a "list server" or bulletin board service for members who want to seek, provide, and/or trade family history information. Just send a short e-mail to [HCPD-l-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:HCPD-l-request@rootsweb.com) saying you want to subscribe. WARNING: Job and family affairs may interfere with your ability to participate on the "List,"

just like they limit time available for surfing the web! You have to be tough, and use all available assets to get the most out of it!! :->

## Elizabeth Waggoner Hardman



### Obituary



Following is a transcription of the obituary of Elizabeth **Waggoner Hardman**, consort of the Reverend John **Hardman**. The obituary was found in the possession of Ida Hardman by Bud **Rogers** of Hartville, Ohio. Bud's wife is Ruth **Stalnaker Francis**, daughter of Nettie **Stalnaker Francis** and granddaughter of Minter **Stalnaker**.

Died, on the 1st day of February, 1854, at her residence on Little Skin Creek, Mrs. Elizabeth **Hardman**, consort of the Rev. John **Hardman**, in the 74<sup>th</sup> year of her age. All who are acquainted with the history of Mrs. **Hardman** and the family with which she was formerly identified, will be free to admit that her life was an eventful one, and attended with more afflictions than often fall to the lot of man.

Her father, Mr. John **Waggoner**, was a revolutionary soldier, and participated in some of the most sanguinary conflicts that occurred during the days that tried men's souls; and it is but due to him to say, that he was never known to be wanting in any of the constituent qualities of a good soldier; but uniformly displayed that undaunted courage characteristic of those iron-souled heroes of that memorable war. He took a part in the engagement at Yorktown and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis -- an event that will be commemorated as long as the star-spangled banner shall wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

At the termination of the war, Mr. **Waggoner** returned to his residence on the South Branch of the Potomac, where the subject of this notice was born, on the 5th day of November, 1779.

His cuntry (sic), now deformed by the band of civilization, no longer presented charms sufficient to satisfy the spirits of adventure peculiar to his nature. He, therefore, determined to leave the haunts of his childhood and push into the wilderness, and, accordingly, emigrated to North Western Virginia, and settled on Jesse's Run, A tributary of Hacker's Creek, at that period, this (now) populous country, was almost entirely uncultivated waster, inhabited by wolves, panthers, and other beasts of prey.

The few humble cottages which the enterprising settlers had erected, were surrounded by somber forests, which shed a melancholy grandeur over the restless magnificence of nature, and hid in their deep shades the rich soil which the sun had seldom warmed.

For a while, the few brave and adventurous spirits who had made their homes in this sequestered spot, were permitted to enjoy, unmolested, that mode of life congenial to their nature, but, ere long, they were attacked by the merciless savages, who burned their peaceful dwellings and murdered their women and children with indiscriminating barbarity. On the 6th day of May 1792, a party of Shawanese Indians, with the since

to their nature, but, ere long, they were attacked by the merciless savages, who burned their peaceful dwellings and murdered their women and children with indiscriminating barbarity. On the 6th day of May 1792, a party of Shawanese Indians, with the since justly celebrated General Tecumseh at their head, approached the little mansion where Mr. **Waggoner's** family were quietly domiciled. Mr. **Waggoner**, who was at some distance from the house, was observed by Tecumseh, who immediately discharged at him the contents of his gun; but, fortunately, the leaden messenger of death failed of its errand, and left him (**Waggoner**) uninjured, who looking in the direction of his house, beheld it already surrounded by the residue of the Indians. Knowing that resistance would be in vain, and only tend to \_\_\_\_\_- excite the savage fiends to greater acts of cruelty, he made use of the only means left him, whereby, he might escape the hard fate of his family, and fled from before his wile adversary, who finding himself outstripped by the swift-footed hunter, soon gave up the pursuit and joined the party at the house who after killing and scalping a child that they found in the yard, had made prisoner of Mrs. **Waggoner** and her children, among whom was Mrs. **Hardman**, then about 12 years old. They now departed with all possible dispatch; but, finding that a portion of their captives were not able to travel with much speed, and wishing to be stripped of every impediment to a swift retreat, they fell upon them with their tomahawks and murdered them with every aggravation of savage cruelty, leaving their mangled bodies strewn promiscuously along the way, weltering in crimson gore. Mrs. **Hardman**, who witnessed this horrid deed, by which she was robbed of an affectionate mother, a dear little brother, and a lovely sister, was now borne far away from her native land, to the Indian towns on the Maumee river, where, agreeable to the custom of the Indians, she was exposed to sale and purchased by a squaw, who exacted of her the hardest kind of servitude.

It may not be improper here to say something . . . absolute sway (*sic*), seemed to flow in the same channel with his. Such was the person and character of **Tecumseh**, the renowned chief of the Shawanese, as given by Mrs. **Hardman**, and it is in strict accordance with what is said of him by his biographers. But to approximate to our subject, Mrs. **Hardman** soon became weary of living in the forest among the assassins of her countrymen. She longed to return to the bosom of her broken-hearted father, and the associates of his childhood, about this time, (late in the Fall of 1793), Gen. **Wayne** began his campaign against the Indians, who were actively engaged in preparing to give him battle.

For several days, company after company of the warlike tribes thronged the Shawanese towns. Brandishing above their heads the gleaming steel, they made the woods resound with their war whoops and savage yells. At length they all left the towns and repaired to the place whither they expected to meet Gen. **Wayne**. Mrs. **Hardman** and another captive (then Miss **Sallie Johnson**) now determined on attempting their escape. Having succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the Indians, they set out late in the evening, and directed their steps towards Detroit. They had not traveled far before the sable current of night closed around them, but animated by the prospects of being restored to the society of their friends, they continued to travel the whole night through the dreary wilderness. Sometime during the next day, they met a white man, an Indian trader, who furnished them with some provisions, and gave them directions how to proceed in order to escape detection, and reach the settlements.

They now traveled many miles without seeing a human being; but were, at length, overtaken by two white men who conducted them safely to a settlement at Detroit, where Mrs. **Hardman** remained with a Mr. **Sisney** until after the treaty was concluded with the

Indians, in 1795. Mr. **Sisney**, her kind benefactor, then conveyed her to the neighborhood of Wheeling, and left her with her uncle, **Lewis Bonnett**. Thence she was conveyed to her father, whose joy at meeting with his long-lost child, may be better imagined than described.

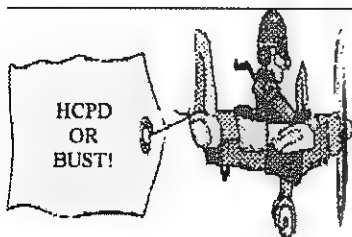
At the age of nineteen she stood before the hymeneal altar and plighted her faith to her now bereaved husband.

She afterwards became the mother of 13 children, 11 sons and 2 daughters. About 45 years ago she embraced Religion and attached herself to a branch of the Methodist Church. She ever afterward "maintained her integrity" and "walked before the Lord in the beauty of holiness." She, by her Christian virtues, initiated herself into the favor of all who knew her, exhibiting in all the walks of life, gentleness, and a sweet disposition of soul and temperament of mind. As a companion, she was kind and dutiful, as a mother, amiable and benevolent. During the illness which preceded her dissolution, she evinced a spirit of Christian fortitude and resignation. She assured the weeping friends that surrounded her dying couch, that she still felt that sweet peace within that had sustained her so long amid the chequered scenes of life's vacillating fortune.

As life was ebbing out and dissolving nature crumbling into dust, though suffering the most excruciating pain she being asked some friends how she was exclaimed in holy triumph, "All is well," (or used words of similar import) and breathed her life and sweetly into the hands of her Heavenly Father. The chamber where the good man (or woman) meet his (or her) fate is privileged above the common walks of life quite on the verge of Heaven."

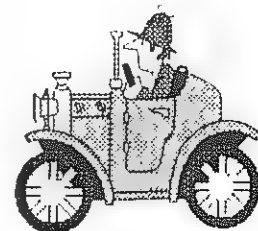
She has left a large circle of friends to mourn their loss, among whom are her aged companion and disconsolate children. Oh, may they be resigned to the will of the Lord "whose ways are above our ways," and be enabled to say with His servant, Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord," and

*When the dream of life is fled  
When those wasting lamps are dead,  
When in cold oblivion's shade,  
Beauty, fame and wealth are laid,  
Where immortal spirits reign,  
There may they all meet again."*

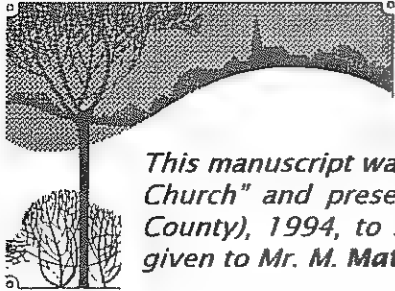


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## METHODIST CHURCHES

*This manuscript was copied from Rev. A. I Barnes "History of the Methodist Protestant Church" and presented by Mr. Carlton M. Matheny, Pinch, W.Va (formerly Gilmer County), 1994, to Katharine W. Whiting. The manuscript was a part of the records given to Mr. M. Matheny as a part of his Uncle Carlton's (who died) research records.*

Methodism was introduced into the upper Monongahela Valley as early as 1790. The Rev. Henry Smith of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in his "Recollections Of An Old Itinerant," says that, at the conference of 1794, "I was appointed to what was called the Clarksburg circuit, on the Monongahela, in Virginia." At the close of the conference session, in company with Charles Conaway, his presiding elder, he came to Morgantown, where he met Thomas Barns, from the mouth of Buffalo Creek (Barns' Mills). The circuit began at Martins church in Monongalia county and extended up to Buckhannon. Martins Church, a log building, was the only meeting house on the circuit, all other preaching places being in private homes. (See more about Thomas Barns in the chapter on Marion county). Rev. Mr. Smith accompanied Thomas Barns to his home, where he spent the night, and then went on up the valley to the home of Joseph Bennett, about 15 miles above Clarksburg, where he had his first appointment, on the fourth Sunday of June, 1794. There was a good Methodist society at Bennett's house, and a good congregation met the new preacher, all of them coming barefoot except one old man, who wore shoes, and a local preacher named Joseph Cheuvront, who wore Indian moccasins.

From the Bennett home he went to the house of Mr. Stortze, about 20 miles further up the valley. Mr. Stortze was a son-in-law of John Hacker, at whose home on Hacker's Creek, there was a Methodist society and a regular preaching place. Of John Hacker, Rev. Mr. Smith says, "I believe this man could read, but not write; and yet he was a magistrate and patriarch in this settlement, and gave name to the Creek, having lived there more than twenty years, raised a large family, and never lost but one by the Indians, and one scalped and left for dead. He was a man of good sense, and a good Christian, and one of the first to receive the Methodist Preachers".

In the early days of Methodism in America, every home was not opened to the preachers, and many people opposed them and openly denounced them as fanatics; and the pioneer preachers, often riding hundreds of miles on horseback, were compelled to sleep in the woods and go all day without food. The sufferings, hardships and privations that many of them had to endure, would deter any but the most courageous and enthusiastic Methodist from entering the itinerancy. Truly, the seeds of Methodism were broadcasted in the wilderness in suffering and sacrifice, but the harvest has been glorious, and the reapers come rejoicing, "bringing their sheaves with them."

Preaching services were held regularly at the home of John Hacker and other homes on Hacker's Creek until 1819 when the old Harmony church was built. This building...was about 40 x 50 feet, with a gallery around three sides, which would accommodate about half as many people as the floor space...the door was at one side under the eaves, and the windows were in the gables, and at the side of the pulpit, which was opposite the door.



In October 1829, the Rev. John **Mitchell** and David H. **Smith** organized a society at Harmony church on Hacker's Creek, under the "Articles of Association," referred to above. This society included practically all of the membership of Harmony M.E. Church, for when Rev. Cornelius **Sprinbger** of the Ohio conference visited the society the following spring (1830), he reported a membership of 60; and the further fact that the M. E. Church has never had an organization in the community since, is evidence of the unanimous decision to go into the new organization. Peter **Wagoner** who had been carried away by the Indians in his boyhood, and kept for twenty years was a member of Harmony church, as was also his half brother, John **Wagoner**. The venerable John **Hacker**, mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, had died before the Methodist Protestant Church was formed, but his daughter Margaret, who was scalped and left for dead by the Indians, was a charter member of the new society.

The newly formed society took possession of the meeting house and continued to use it until 1880. Whether the title was ever vested in the Methodist Protestant Church or not, I have not been able to learn. In 1879 a new lot was secured, and a neat frame building erected, which was dedicated on the 16th day of May 1880. In his published announcement of the dedicatory services, the Pastor Rev. D. G. **Helmick** extended the following invitation: "The new Harmony church will be dedicated May 16, 1880. The following brethren are invited to assist in the dedicatory services: Revs. B. Stout, M. L. **Barnett**, H.P.F. **King**, J.F. **Bowman**, D. M. **Simonton**, J. J. **Mason**, D. R. **Helmick** and David **Batten**." Signed, D. G. **Helmick**, pastor. The morning sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. **Lewis** and in the afternoon Dr. J. J. **Mason** preached.

In October, 1919, the people of the Hacker's Creek valley celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of Old Harmony, by a great gathering at New Harmony, in which more than a thousand people participated. Judge **McWhorter**, of Buckhannon, R. Ad. **Hall** of Weston and Dr. F. T. **Benson** of Baltimore, editor of the Methodist Protestant, and Dr. J. A. **Selby**, president of the conference, delivered addresses. Rev. Josiah **Payne**, pastor of the Lewis circuit, was master of ceremonies. It was a great occasion.

Among the charter members of Harmony church were: Rev. John **Mitchell** and family, Martha **Alkire**, Elizabeth **Alkire**, Mary **Straley**, Christina **Wimer**, James **Belt** and wife, Cornelius **Lister** and wife, James **Straley** and wife, George **Straley** and wife and their colored woman **Emaline**; Thomas **Sims** and wife, George **Bent** and wife, Thomas S. **Straley** and wife, David H. **Smith** and wife, Greenberry **Duvall**, Peter **Wagoner** and wife. Among the present membership of near Harmony are: **Wagoners**, **Holberts**, **Straleys**, **Goodwins**, **Paughs**, **Boylens**, **Westfalls**, **Queens**, **Van Horns**, **Millers**, **Scotts** and **Rineharts**. On the tombstones of the Rev. John **Mitchell** who led the reform movement in the old Harmony church and formed the Methodist Protestant society here, is the following inscription: (Also charter members were: Otto and Isaac **Means** and their wives.)

REV. JOHN MITCHELL

Born in England 1763, bound to sailor.  
Went to West Indies and America 1775.  
Came to Virginia 1776 and settled at  
Hacker's Creek 1805. Preached the  
gospel 40 years and died April 29, 1840.



## FORKS OF HACKER'S CREEK

The second society formed in Lewis county was at the forks of Hacker's Creek, a few miles above the Harmony church. This organization was formed in the spring of 1830. Whether it was organized by Rev. Cornelius **Springer** while on his visit to Hackers Creek, mentioned heretofore, or by Rev. John **Mitchell**, is not known. But Rev. John **Smith** was elected leader of the class which was composed of John **Starcher** and wife, Henry R. **Bonnett** and wife, Alexander **Morrison** and wife, David **Smith** and wife, Peter **Wagoner** and wife, Jonathan **Hacker** and wife, Catherine **Allman**, George **Straley** and wife, Jane **Boram**, Matilda **Hinzman**, Catherine **Law**, Annie **Wagoner**, J. B. **Hacker** and wife, Rev. John T. **Hacker** and wife, Rev. Mark **Hersman**, Ara **Batten**, Samuel **Horned** and wife, Elias **Bonnett** and wife, Lewis **Bonnett** and wife, James R. **Moore** and wife and James W. **Watson** and wife.

In 1850, under the pastoral supervision of Rev. George **Nestor**, a frame church was built at the forks of Hacker's Creek, and the name of the society was changed to the Hebron Church, which name it bore until the present building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. A. L. **McKeever**, in 1900, when the name was again changed to Berlin Church, to harmonize with the name of the village that had grown up around the church.

## MT. PLEASANT CHURCH -- JESSE'S RUN

Another of the early organizations in Lewis county was on Jesse's Run. This was an appointment of the Hacker's Creek circuit in 1834, and the records of 1835, gives the following names as members there: Martin **Post** and wife, Richard **Dobson** and wife, Nelson **Morman** and wife, William **Cookman** and wife, Noah **Lawrence** and wife, Jacob **Post** and wife, Adam **Cookman** and wife, Henry **Wagoner** and wife, and Dan, a Negro belonging to him, John **Kniceley** and wife, John and Olive **Coburn**. I could not learn the date when the church building was erected, but a session of the conference was begun there in 1867, but the next day met at the Hebron Church, now called Berlin. Among the 62 members at Jesse's Run today are the **Post**, **Cunningham**, **Cookman**, **Lewis**, **Myeres**, **Messenger**, **Curtis**, **Rogers**, **Melton**, and **Jenkins** families.

## LAUREL LICK CHURCH

The first mention of the Laurel Lick Church, in the circuit records, is in 1838. But when and by whom it was organized, is not recorded. Among the early membership were: Thomas **Hinzman** and wife, Lewis Z. **Bonnett** and wife, William **Hinzman** and wife, Mary **Boram**, Robert **Means** and wife, William **Lawson** and wife, William **Starcher** and wife, William **Myers** and wife, John **Myers** and wife, Jacob **Hinzman** and wife, Rev. Joseph **Flint** and wife, Nancy and Ada **Fox**. The present membership of Laurel Lick Church is 54, among them are the **Taylor**, **Starcher**, **Boram**, **Gould**, **Pringle**, **Swisher**, **McWhorter**, **Smith** and **Radabaugh** families. While the Laurel Lick Church has not had as large a membership as some other churches in Lewis county, the quality has not been inferior to that of any other church in the county.

## BUCKHANNON RUN CHURCH

In 1834, there was an appointment at an old log church, known as Union Chapel. From this appointment the present Buckhannon Run Church was organized. But when the class was formed is not stated, and I was not able to find the date at which the church was built, or who was the pastor. The society now has a membership of 76, good, substantial, intelligent, loyal Methodist Protestants and progressive citizens. Among the leaders of the church are the **Hinzman, Rogers, Morrison, Boram, Hersman, Warner, Loudenslaker, Taylor, Queen, Wilson and McKinney** families.

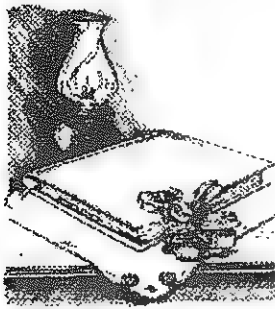
## FAIRVIEW CHURCH

The Fairview church is located on Hacker's Creek about midway between Harmony and Berlin. The organization was formed by Rev. George **Willis** in 1870, and the church was built in 1872 under the pastorate of Rev. G. W. **Barrett**. Samuel **Alkire**, and Oscar **Law** were the building committee, and Dr. George **Nestor** dedicated the house on August 18, 1872. Washington **Alkire** gave the pulpit Bible; the young men of the community donated the lamps and the young women the carpets. The people paid the builder of the church almost \$100 more than the contract price because they thought he had taken the contract below what it cost him to do the work. That showed a Christian spirit on the part of the people. The **Allman, Straley, Law, Hacker, Boram, Lawson, Swisher and Sutton** families, all representatives of pioneer Hackers Creek settlers, are represented in the membership of Fairview church.

The Odd Fellows own a beautiful cemetery across the highway from the Fairview church, and three of our ministers -- Rev. A. L. **McKeever**, Rev. David **Batten** and Dr. U.W. **Morrison** are buried there. Two sessions of the annual conference have been held in the Fairview church, 1874 and 1878. The latter being my first session.

Fairview was the home church of Rev. David **Batten**, a devout, sweet-spirited minister, and member of the annual conference. Although he was converted before the church was built, he had his membership transferred there when the new class was organized. His father, Richard **Batten** lived within sight of the Fairview church. Brother **Batten** was licensed to preach in 1876, and at the session of the conference held here in his home church, in 1878 he was received as a probationer in the same class with the writer. He being a married man and ten years my senior, was appointed to a charge, while I went back to school.

Brother **Batten's** father, a prosperous, well-to-do farmer, though not a Christian at that time, bitterly opposed David's entering the ministry. He said it was a foolish notion, and if he did not give it up he would disinherit him. But David preached and won many to Christ, then came back home and cared for his father in his last years, and received his full share of the estate. It was my privilege to assist Bro. **Batten** in a number of his revival meetings, and I found him like Stephen, "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit," and one of the most companionable men I have ever known.



\*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

HCPD is saddened by the recent loss of two of its charter members, **Algie Bailey** and **June Morris**.

## ALGIE LUETTA BAILEY

**Algie Luetta (Reed) Bailey**, 77, died September 6, 1998, at Fairmont General Hospital in Fairmont. She was born January 12, 1921, at Beech Lick in Doddridge County, a daughter of the late **Okey Frank** and **Mary Jane Nicholson Reed**. Her husband, **Orvil Bailey**, whom she married October 30, 1939, at Harrisonburg, VA., preceded her in death in 1989. Her eldest son, **Marvin Kay**, preceded her in death in 1956. She is survived by her youngest son, **Robert Kent "Bobby" Bailey**, at home.

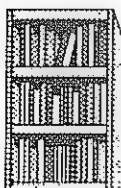
Mrs. **Bailey** spent many of her early years with her grandmother, **Sarah Laconia Nicholson**. She started school at age five at Beechbottom; before many weeks went by, however, she was back at Salem with an aunt. Friends...[were]...received...September 9...at Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, in Fairmont. A funeral service...[was]...held at the funeral home Thursday, September 10, at 1 p.m. Interment...[followed]...in the Mt. Morris Cemetery in Lewis County.

## JUNE B. (BURKE) MORRIS

**June B. Morris**, 78, of Grantsville, died Thursday, September, 1998, at Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center in Grantsville, following an extended illness. She was born June 26, 1920, in Lewis County, a daughter of the late **Alva** and **Chloe Burke**. Her husband, **Donald W. Morris**, whom she married in 1945, survives. Also surviving are two daughters, **Donna (Mrs. Stephen) Maxwell** of Clarksburg and **Jane (Mrs. Ronald) Carpenter** of Grantsville; one son and daughter-in-law, **Richard J. and Jennifer Morris** of Grantsville; one brother, **Opha M. Burke** of Weston; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. **Morris** was a graduate of Jane Lew High School. She was a former Brownie and Cub Scout leader, as well as a 4-H leader. She was a member of the Calhoun General Hospital Auxiliary and the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. For several years, she worked with her husband at Morris Oil and Gas Company and the family farm.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 6, at Stump Funeral Home in Grantsville, with Rev. William Taylor officiating. Interment followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery near Grantsville.



## HCPD Library

The HCPD Library is in Horner, WV. Get there from I-79 by going east at Exit 99 for 2.5 miles. Turn left at the Horner-Georgetown intersection...the library is straight ahead, easily visible from the road. Hours are Mon and Thurs, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tue, Wed, and Fri, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Summer Memories in West Virginia

From members of the HCPD-L Internet Bulletin Board

I remember. . .we were not allowed to go barefoot until June 1 . . .kicking off my shoes and HAVING to run barefoot to get it. . .living within sight of the Gaines School House . . . how Mom used to holler and remind me to get my coat back on while we were on the playground (but, none of the other kids had their's on!). . .playing in the Little Kanawha River below Grandma Mick's house in Arlington (Mom wasn't there to remind me it was too dirty!). . .leading our "City Cousin" (from Buckhannon!) down the road barefoot and her wincing at every step! Great place to grow up - and to remember!!

*Sandi Mick Chambers*

I sure do remember the old "tin" washtub. In the summer, Mother would fill it early in the morning in the yard where the sun would warm the water. (She was ahead of her time with solar energy!) By late afternoon, we'd have a warm bath out in the yard! When I was about nine I always wanted to be "first" in the tub. My younger sister was about four and dearly loved to play in the water. I remember once I asked Mom if I could take a b-a-t-h. (I thought if I spelled it, my sister wouldn't know what I was asking about) But she piped up with, "I want to get in the t-u-b too". Mother really got a good laugh out of that one. Everyone has been talking about the joys of going barefoot but do you remember stepping on a honey bee in the sweet clover? OUCH! Once when we were visiting my aunt and uncle, Uncle Jim was "recovering" a swarm of bees for his hives. I wasn't aware of what was going on and went running around the corner and stepped right in the middle of the swarm. Luckily, Uncle Jim had his smoker handy and I was only stung on my foot and leg but let me tell you, I sure did a dance. I didn't wear shoes for church on Sunday that week. I also made a wide path around the beehives after that, too.

*Charlotte Fleming*

Talking about barefoot! We use to have a game to see who can run down a lane and not cry or jump off the hot gravel and sharp rocks. Just to think and see not only me, but all the cousins, probably 16 to 17 in all, running down that lane. Needless to say by the end of summer every one of us made it only to get to the end and have to run back to the beginning. What about the grape vine swinging? Us younger ones were the ones to try them out first to see if they would hold. It seems that we could swing clear across that holler!!!

*Lisa Vissoc*

I grew up in Pennsylvania but summer vacations were always a trip to WV to visit all the kin folks. Among my many memories about those wonderful days: swimming in the Elk River, picking berries in the holler (eating as many as I put in the basket), trying to catch bullfrogs in the farm pond, hot biscuits and applebutter, the fresh air and beautiful mountains (my dad and I would start singing "On Top of Old Smokey" as soon as we crossed the Mason-Dixon line). I was always being reminded by my cousins that I talked kinda fast and funny--Oh, how I still envy those with that neat West Virginia accent!

*Karen Myers*

I didn't grow up in West Virginia, but I remember well the summer of 1945 when, with my Mom and sister, Jan, I visited Grandma (Lucy Perry Brake) at her home near White's Camp Creek in Rock Cave. I was fascinated by the fireflies, amazing creatures to a kid who hadn't been out of Washington State. I remember too well the thunder storms and the earaches that seemed to invariably accompany them. I can still hear the willow whistle my uncle made for me. And, especially at night, I can still see the snakes swimming in the Eagle Hole where Grandma fully expected me to take a dip and was surely disappointed when I didn't. All those memories came vividly back to life when I visited Grandma's empty house this year...sadly, for the first time since 1945.

*Perry "Buzz" Brake*

I remember sitting on the porch with my grandmother and her talking about her brothers and sisters, parents, etc.....and I don't remember a specific detail of any of it to this day! I remember her telling me stories about graveyards and ghosts and witches and all kinds of things that I believed to be real!! Remember the reunions? All that food? And those cousins (from the city) who would come back talking funny? Grown ups would sit around the tables talking (wonder what they talked about?). Wading in the creeks, catching "craw dads" and throwing them at each other (oops, here come the handcuffs). Eating warm raspberries just picked from the bush. Going up on the hill, reading all the names on the tombstones, coming back down and asking who those people where, being told.....and to this day can't remember what they told me! Going down a snowy hill on an inner tube (we were poor....used them in winter in the snow and in summer in the river) and really going fast....with no means to steer! They were good about bouncing off trees if you hit at the right angle....yes, I still have my front teeth and thanks for asking. Didn't mess with the chickens and roosters...had a rooster attack me when I was five and to this day.....avoid all birds. Funny, how some things stay with you!

*Vivian Hytovik*

I remember: 1. Putting a string on a June Bug and watching him go around. 2. Pinching off the tails of lightening bugs and making beautiful shining rings. 3. My feet having been stung by more bees than I can remember. 4. TV coming out when I was 9 years old. I loved Cisco Kid and Pancho. I saved a cereal top and was able to get a free Cisco Kid Cup. 5. When the trees started coming out in the spring, making a cane and going to the top of the hills. I'd feel like I was on top of the world. 6. Stretching the lace curtains on those needle frames in the summer. 7. Rolling down a meadow hill. 8. After hoeing all summer in the garden, getting to eat that first ear of corn. I could eat a dozen ears at a time. 9. Eating fresh peas out of the garden. 10. Playing Hop Scotch. 11. Playing hide and seek, especially if there was a good looking boy playing too! 12. Going Snipe Hunting. Boy did I ever get caught! 13. Making popcicles in ice trays and taking a fork to chop them up out in the sun. 14. Going to Church Picnic with all the food and getting to go in a real pool. Those were the days! My 9 year old grandson is visiting this week and I still haven't told him about pinching off the tails of the lightning bugs. I guess I have a guilty conscience!

*Laura Nelle Mallett*

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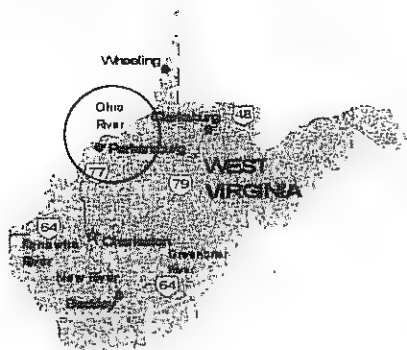
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## County's Ohio River Islands Have Own History

By DR. ROBERT D. CROOKS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by Dr. Robert D. Crooks, former member of the Wood County Historic Landmarks Commission, now [Mar 15, 1987] a member of the WV Commission on Archives and History.

From the earliest recorded history of the Ohio River there has always been mention of the Islands. Eight Islands in the Ohio are within the borders of Wood County.

The most noted is, of course, Blennerhasset Island, two miles below Parkersburg. Here Aaron Burr formed with Herman Blennerhasset's help the plan to establish a new empire in the southwest.

The most Northern of Wood County's Islands, now known as Buckley's Island, was at different times known as Kerrs, Duval's, Tripetta, Jacksons, Meigs, and Marletta.

The next downstream is Muskingum which was also known as Kelley's Island.

Vienna Island is next. It was known as Upper James, Briscoe, Halfway, Tittle and Middle Island.

Neale's Island was known as James Island. Here Stonewall Jackson visited and at times attended school.

Below Blennerhassett Island, came Newburg, Mustapha and Belleville.

While all the islands were affected by the rising waters of the pool above the Belleville Dam built by 1968 only one of the islands disappeared. Belleville Island at the abatement site of the multi-million dollar dam disappeared as an island when the Corps of Engineers filled in the waterway separating it from the West Virginia shore.

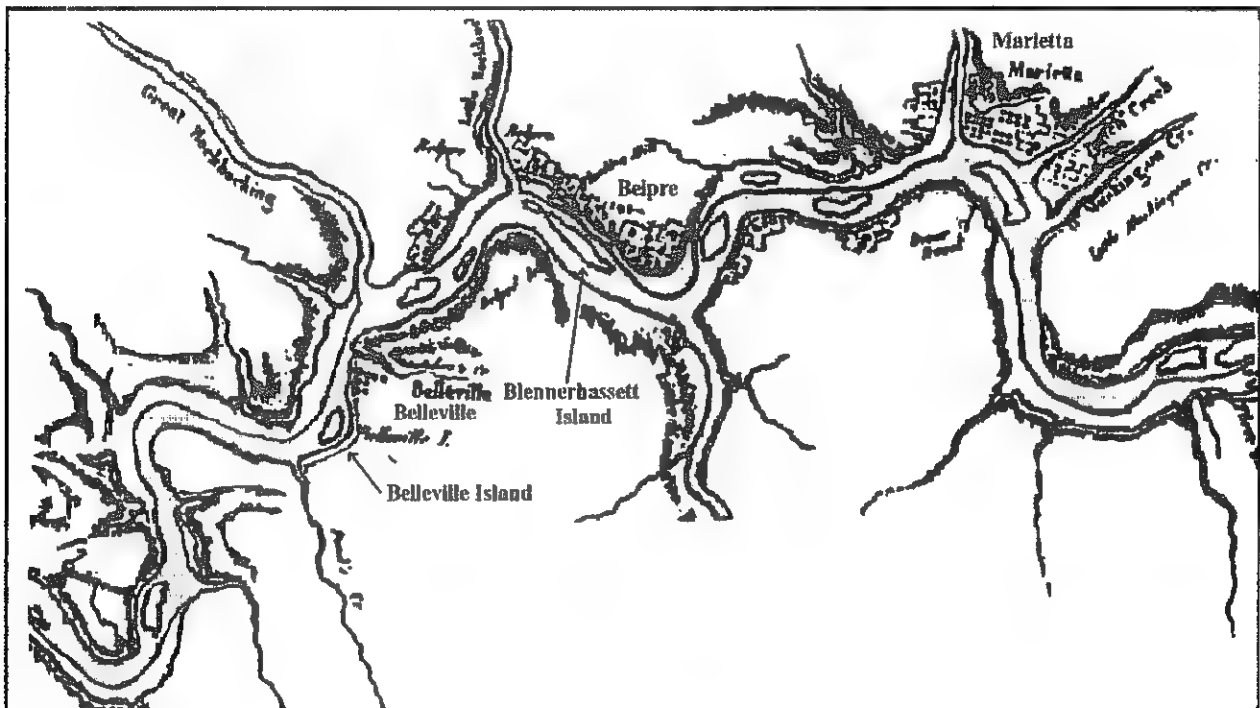
The earliest known map showing Belleville Island was drawn by Victor Collot, who traveled down the Ohio in 1796. He was a spy in the service of the French Government. He described the valley and drew a map which clearly shows the spot labeled as Belleville Island.

One mile north the map shows the village from which the island took its name.

Collot came 11 years after the settlement of Belleville on Dec. 10, 1785. A fort was built at the village in 1787. Collot did not mention the fort and described Belleville as a small old village.

It is assumed that the fort had been dismantled by the time of his visit.

The treaty of Greenville in 1795 ended all Indian hostilities in the Ohio Valley and there would have been no need for a fort after this time.



FIRST MAP - This is the first known map to show Belleville Island. It was drawn by Frenchman, Victor Collot, on his journey to the Ohio Valley in 1796. [Transcriber's Note: The notations Belleville Island, Belleville, Blennerhassett Island, Belpre, and Marietta added for clarity.]

During the years before 1795 the settlers at Belleville often kept their livestock on the island to protect them from Indian depredations. The islands of Blennerhassett, Newbury, and Mustapha also served as havens for the livestock of the settlers nearby.

In 1749 another Frenchmen, Celeron Di Blenville passed this way burying leaden plates to chain this river and all the land drained by its tributaries as French soil in the name of King Louis the Fifteenth.

The first Englishman to come here was Christopher Gist who explored the Ohio Valley for the Ohio Company in 1751. He camped at the mouth of Pond Creek which

was then known to the Indians as Lawellaconin. He walked across Belleville Bottom from Pond Creek to Lee Creek.

The King of England, by virtue of his victory in the French and Indian War sealed by the Treaty of Paris in 1763, claimed all of the Ohio Valley. He designated that land between the Alleghenies and the Ohio as Indian hunting grounds.

By 1768 the Iroquois at Fort Stanroix ceded all their claims to the lands south of the eastern shore of the Ohio River. This was taken to exclude the islands and in the years that followed the islands were treated differently than the Virginia shore.

In Donald F. Black's "The History of Wood County," Judge Black relates that in 1785 Gen. Richard Butler was sent down the Ohio by the American Government to warn all settlers on the islands to evacuate or be evicted.

All the settlers on the Indian land north of the Ohio were similarly warned. He found settlers on Mustapha Island and warned them to leave.

The islands were not included in the grants given by the King of England to the veterans of the French and Indian War. Thus, Washington's tract did not include the island later known as Backus, then Blennerhassett.

John House in his "Pioneers of Wood County" mentions that Belleville Island was granted to William Ingles on Jan. 26, 1809, by Gov. John Tyler of Virginia. The land nearby had been patented to William Tilton in 1785 by Gov. Patricia Henry.

William Ingles, a Scotsman, was one of the original settlers at Belleville. He built a mill on the South Fork of Lee Creek.. He died there in 1816 and is buried with his wife along the creek.

Belleville Island had its special place in history on July 19, 1863. On this day Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his confederate raiders attempted to cross the Ohio here.

Gen. Morgan had entered Indiana, then crossed into Ohio north of Cincinnati at Harrison, Ohio.

He crossed southern Ohio through Peebles, Chester and on to Pomeroy. Here he turned north to the crossing at Buffington Island which his scouts had studied weeks before. Seven hundred of his troopers were captured and only a few crossed. Morgan then headed for Belleville Island where he knew he could cross.

The late Charles Rector, noted area historian who recorded much of our county's history, interviewed some of those who took in the battle of Belleville Island. He wrote that 280 Confederates crossed into West Virginia at Belleville. Gen. Morgan had reached the island when the federal gunboats prevented the crossing of the rest of his troops. He then returned to the Ohio shore to lead the major body of his troop on up the valley. The Belleville Home Guards also helped repulse the Confederates crossing at Belleville Island.



Two miles above Belleville, Lee Creek enters the Ohio. Just north of the creek was the Wells farm. The Wells family had come from Virginia and had strong sympathies for the south.

Four of their sons were in the Confederate service. A fifth son, Foster Wells, was too young to join the army.

When the Wells family learned that Morgan's Raiders were coming north up the Ohio, Foster Wells rode south along the West Virginia side in hopes that he might help lead them to a crossing at Lee Creek.

Opposite Murraysville, Wells saw the great cloud of dust caused by the troopers coming north from Buffingtons Island.

He returned north and when he reached Belleville Island, Col. Adam Johnson and 280 Confederates had already reached the West Virginia shore. He offered to guide the Confederates eastward. He took them up Cove Run then crossed to the South Fork of Lee Creek. They went east to the village of Fountain Springs. Here they went north to reach the Elizabeth Pike, now state route 14. They passed Turkey Foot Church now known as Mount Pleasant Church and continued on to Elizabeth and eventually returned to Virginia.

When Foster Wells returned to Belleville he was arrested by a company of the 13th West Virginia Infantry. After interrogation he was released the next day.

Morgan having returned to Ohio with his remaining troops, went north. In a skirmish behind Hockingport six of Morgan's raiders were cut off.

Knowing of the crossing at Lee Creek they returned to this spot. Three successfully crossed but the others were drowned. Those who crossed went to the Wells farm, knowing of their southern sympathies. Here they were clothed and fed. Ann Wells Graham, who is a direct descendent of Caleb Wells who settled here in 1830, lives in the house now and relates the story of the Confederates being hidden in the attic. When the union troops came by they failed to apprehend them. Later they were hidden in the Wells orchard until it was safe for them to travel across the country to the Elizabeth Pike. The Wells family has a shell that was shot from the gunboat. The shell entered the house but did not explode.

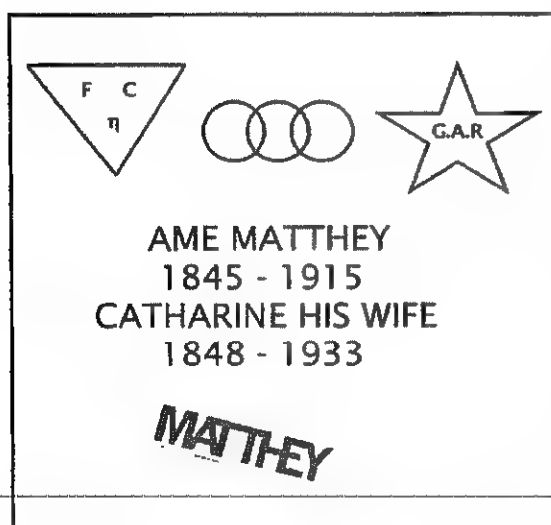
Since the Battle of Belleville Island, a legend has persisted that a brass cannon lies at the foot of the Island. It is assumed that it was left by Col. Johnson's force which successfully reached the issue. Several persons through the past 124 years have reported seeing it. Dexter Buckley, long time resident of Belleville and son of the late Harrison Buckley, the foremost historian of the area, states that a dredge working near the lowland brought the cannon up into view but failed to recover it.

Many iron cannonballs have been found in the Ohio River near Belleville Island. These most probably were fired by the U.S. gunboat Elk as she arrived at the site when Morgan attempted to cross.

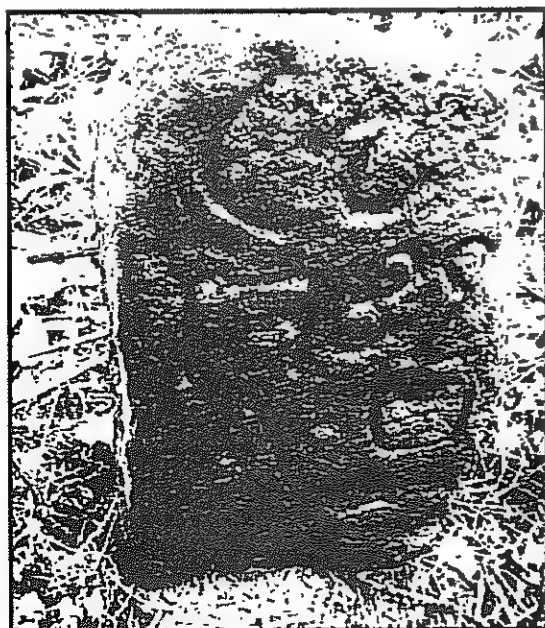
Another legend associated with the Battle of Belleville Island is the satchel of gold coins found in the Ohio after the battle. It is assumed that **Morgan's** Raiders had taken these on their raid for payment to the troops or that they may been taken from a bank in one of towns looted by the Confederates.

(This article was written with the help of Nadine Hofmann, Charlie Workman, Dr. Ray Swick and Dr. Robert Mazlowki of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington, WV.)

## MYSTERY STONES



Two stones, that characterized at left, and the one pictured below it, hold mysteries that puzzle at least two of our members. The first was submitted by Karen Matthey Fowler and her father, Walter Matthey, greatgrandson of Ame Matthey and his wife, Catharine. Ame emigrated from Neuchatel, Switzerland in 1858 and married Catharine Stark in 1871. They settled near Bristol in Harrison County. Karen and Walter are wondering what the letters in the triangle mean...an F, a C, and maybe an "n" or a "η" as used here. Anybody having an idea on the meaning of the triangle and its letters please contact Karen at [fowlerfam@olg.com](mailto:fowlerfam@olg.com) or at 11510 Timberbrook Dr., Waldorf, MD 20601.



By its location in the Brake Cemetery, Hardy County, WV, the stone pictured at left **should be** the foot stone of Jacob Brake, Sr., 1720 - 1809, who married as his second wife, Catherine Stump. Her stone is beside that shown here. At the top of this stone is a "C-8," the "8" being more clearly shown on the headstone. Both stones have the date 1789 in the center, with the headstone having the "C-8" at the bottom and "A-U(?)" at the top. The 1789 doesn't correspond to the births or deaths of any Brake's in that area, nor do the initials give an apparent identity. Any ideas about the "C-8" or A-U? Contact Perry Brake at [PudJumper@aol.com](mailto:PudJumper@aol.com), or at 5416 60<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct, Tacoma, WA 98467.



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AND  
LEAVES

1. Seeking others researching ancestors and descendants of James KEITH, b. ca 1760, Winchester, Frederick Co., VA; m. 13 Jun. 1786, Mary Ann ALKIRE, d/o John & Christina (McCANN) ALKIRE. James and Mary Ann emigrated to Shelby Co., IN with members of the following families from Lewis County: COLLINS, CROSBY, HACKER, HEINZMAN, PHILLIPS, SLEETH and others. Contact: Marcus D. Partlow, 1721 Lake St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648-3110.
2. WRIGHT/FURBEE: Seeking information on Donald E. WRIGHT and his parents Arthur & Austie (FURBEE) WRIGHT of the Good Hope area. Contact: Susan (Wright) von Finckenstein, 1605 E. 36th St., Hutchinson, KS 67502 or E-mail: bran@midusa.net.
3. Desperately seeking info on the following and their ancestors: William BENDER (b. 1875, Webster Co) and Bettie COGAR (b. ca 1878 in Webster Co), married Nov 3, 1898 in Webster Co. My grandfather, Clarence B. Bender was born April 11, 1903 in Elkview, WV (Randolph Co). Who were William and Bettie's parents? Also, there are supposedly 3 other children, Richard, Robert and Haley (F). When/where were they born? Please reply to Carol Bender, 661 Rosedale Dr SE, Smyrna, GA 30082-3366 or e-mail SwtBtrCup@aol.com.
4. Seeking information on John Wesley RILEY and Charity SQUIRES (b. ca 1839). Who were their parents, when and where were they married. Also need birth/death dates and places for their 9 children as follows - Becky, Eliza (I think she is the eldest, born in Preston Co maybe), John, Jim, George, Ritch, Reason (b. Jan 28, 1862), Lewis (b. May 12, 1870), Martha, and Molly, b. 1873. Molly was the local midwife in Upshur County and my great grandmother. She married John C. HUMPHREY. Charity died in Buckhannon, Dec 1925, age 86. They lived in Lewis County at one time. Reply to Carol BENDER, 661 Rosedale Dr SE, Smyrna, GA 30082-3366 or e-mail SwtBtrCup@aol.com.
5. ISO ancestors of Charles W. CASSELL, b. abt 1875 in Taylor County WV, m. Nancy REESE, 30 Aug 1900. Also searching date/place of death of Patrick Henry MANGAN, b. abt 1856 in Ireland, m. Martha L. TIMMONS, 7 Nov 1892, in Grafton, Taylor, WV. Patrick was a stonemason and died around 1904. Contact LaDonna Hall Cassell Hopkins, 4401 Winthrop Ave, Columbia, SC 29206-3027 or LADHOPKINS@aol.com
6. Rachel MORRIS born March 6, 1803 Green Co., Pa, died April 29, 1883, Morrow, Ohio. Rachel's parents were Sarah GARRARD and Samuel Morris. Need parents of Sarah GARRARD and Samuel MORRIS also b & d dates and places for Sarah & Samuel. Ethel Nielsen, 25 Bridgewood St., Irvine, Ca 92604, e-mail een10@juno.com.
7. Seeking information on the ancestors of my grandfather, Charles Forrest KEENER, 1904 - 1952, m. Mary Joan KEENEY, 1909 - 1970, both of Braxton Co. His father was Jacob Edward Keener, m. Martha Ann MOORE, d. 1924, and his grandfather was Edward Keener, m. Anne (????). Any dates/places of birth/death and any other info

would be appreciated. Contact **Regina (Gina) Keener Bowles**, 1068 Hilbish Ave, Akron, OH 44312 or e-mail [Gina863@aol.com](mailto:Gina863@aol.com).

8. Looking for typical historical dates of closing, opening of **Laurel Run** and **Union Hill Schools**. Please contact **Mike Hefner**, Rte 1 Box CR 11, Crawford, WV 26243.

9. Seeking info on the **SHOULDERS** family, Braxton County, WV. Marion & Mary Catherine (**PRINCE**) **SHOULDERS** were parents of several children, all born 1900-1918. A set of twins, a boy and Mary Catherine **SHOULDERS** (d., 1918). Need birth, death dates on those and the following children: Scynthia Gay, Marion Robert, Bessie Belle, John Amos, Georgia Elizabeth, Joseph Grant & Nancy Lucille (twins) , Iza Emmaline, and Arthur Tazell, b. 1918, who is my stepfather. Please reply to **Brenda Collins Dillon**, 7 Shockley Drive, Lakeville, Mass 02347, or e-mail [bj04@aol.com](mailto:bj04@aol.com).

10. Looking for info on Mortimer **CROSS**, b. Mar 1864, Barbour Co, d. 30 Oct 1915, Phillipi, Barbour Co., m. Etta **KELLER**, b. 1878, d. 1923, and any of their children: Thomas, Grace, Beatrice, Delbert, Joseph, Sarah, Ralph, all deceased except Ralph. Any info on these or any other **CROSS** family appreciated. Please reply to **Rose Olinger**, [RO28561@aol.com](mailto:RO28561@aol.com)

11. Seeking information regarding family of John **MOWREY/MOWERY** (b. 20 Jan 1812 Randolph or Pendleton Co) and Elizabeth **HAVENER/HEAVNER** (b. 6 Apr 1818 Pendleton Co?). They were married in Lewis Co 2 Feb 1837 and later lived in Barbour and Upshur Cos. Always glad to share. **Jill Parry**, 3412 West Melody Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902 or [winger@iquest.net](mailto:winger@iquest.net).

12. Looking for any information on the family Lillie Ann **SANDERS CUTRIGHT**, b. Oct 12, 1875 Lewis county, m. William George **CUTRIGHT**. They lived in Lewis and Upshur county but may have lived in other nearby areas. Lillie's parents were Eli Sanders and Dicey **HAMBLETT**. Wm.'s parents were Joel "Peb" **CUTRIGHT** and Almira **WARE**. Please respond by e-mail to [fifti1@aol.com](mailto:fifti1@aol.com) or by post to Barb Morris, 219 W, 4th St., Emmett, ID 83617.

13. Looking for parents and siblings of Phillip **MARTIN**, b. abt 1814, m. Elizabeth **OWENS** in Harrison Co, Jan 23, 1834. Children: George **MARTIN**, b. 1836, Harrison Co, m. Oct 18, 1860 in Harrison Co. to Elizabeth **SNODGRASS** b. 1845 Harrison Co.; James E. **MARTIN**, b. 1843, Harrison Co., d. 1914, Braxton Co., m. Feb 13, 1861 in Harrison Co Deborah Arminta **GIFFORD**, b. 1840, Harrison Co. Children of James E. **MARTIN**: Maude, 1863; Andrew Core, 1867; Emery Bruce, 1873; Mattie F., 1876; Ashby Ellis, b. Jun 15, 1878, Harrison Co., d. Dec 10, 1954, Nicholas Co. Please respond to **Paula & Mike Morris** by e-mail, [MRSLNGHNTR](mailto:MRSLNGHNTR), or at 59 Gingerbush Rd, Levittown, PA 19057.

14. Looking for death date of Jesse **DAVIS**, b. 1803 Pendleton Co., m. Dec 1, 1807 Pendleton Co. to Permelia "Millie" **PERRINE (PRINE, PERRIN)**, d. Braxton Co as did wife Millie. Also looking for any info on Thomas **DAVIS**, Jr., b. VA, m. Jan 19, 1792, Pendleton Co., to Priscilla "Aurelia" **PENNINGTON**, b. VA., especially where he served in the Revolutionary war. Jesse and Thomas were sons of Thomas **DAVIS**, Sr., born in England (supposedly served with the American colonies during Revolution), and Nancy **BAKER** of Baltimore Md. Other children of Thomas and Nancy were James and

Benjamin. Please respond to Paula & Mike Morris by e-mail, [MRSLNHNTNTR@aol.com](mailto:MRSLNHNTNTR@aol.com), or by post at 59 Gingerbush Rd, Levittown, PA 19057.

15. Searching for the person having the bible and/or a picture of Susannah **McCAULEY RIFFLE McKISSIC**, widow of Andrew **McKISSIC**, Sr. d. 1836 Lewis/Upshur Co., VA/WV, buried in Haymond Cemetery at Kanawha Head, Upshur Co., WV. Please contact Patricia G. Viellenave, 184 West Woodhaven Drive Kingsland, GA. 31548 or e-mail [wvgal@camcomp.com](mailto:wvgal@camcomp.com).

16. Searching for info on Margaret **MERRITT**, m. 12 Nov 1835, Augusta Co., VA to Clough Shelton **FITZPATRICK**. Believe she was b. abt 1817, d. abt 1861. In 1850, she, Clough, and children lived in Harrison County. She disappeared from census records after 1850 census. In 1870, only her family lived in Harrison, and in 1900 Clough **FITZPATRICK** lived in Lewis County, Hackers Creek District 64, WV with his second wife, Amanda. Would appreciate any information on this **MERRITT** line that may lead me to where Margaret was born, who her parents were and where she died. Please reply to Carol Yakupcak, 11599 Hoover Ave, Uniontown OH 44685, or e-mail [Teacross@aol.com](mailto:Teacross@aol.com).

17. Looking for the parents or siblings of ggg grandmother, Katherine **GRIFFIN**, second wife of Isaac **MARTIN**, s/o Stephen **MARTIN** and Catherine **REGER**. Isaac and Katherine m. 20 Oct, 1834 in Lewis County. Have very little information on Katherine except she was born in VA ca 1805-06. Please contact Ronna Cunningham, P. O. Box 354, Black Diamond, WA 98010 or [Ronronna@aol.com](mailto:Ronronna@aol.com).

18. Looking for marriage date/place and children of Thomas **ASBURY** and Elizabeth (**BARTLETT**) **CARROLL** (widow of Sanford), one dau., Elizabeth, m 1806 to Moses **SMITH** in Harrison Co. Also looking for children of Benjamin **WELCH** and Mary **BARTLETT**, m. 1797, Harrison Co; probably moved west after 1812. Also seeking children of Sanford **BARTLETT**, m. 1803, Harrison Co to Anne **MAULSBY**; he was Recruiter in War 1812; they moved west about 1814. Please reply to Jim Bartlett 320 Rutgers St, Rockville, MD 20850, or e-mail [bartlett@doubled.com](mailto:bartlett@doubled.com).

19. Looking for information on my father, Roscoe C. "Buck" **BONNETT**'s, sisters and their families of Lewis County. His father/mother were John K. **BONNETT** and Sarah **CONLEY BONNETT**. I know he had 4 sisters, namely, Zenovia Milroy who married Scott William **DODD**; Mariah who married Robert Lee **WAUGH**, Lorena (deceased) and Lillie M. (deceased). I knew of Mariah and Lillie but had never heard of the other sisters until advised by Mr. Howard **BONNETT**, (NOTE: We lost track of who submitted this one...if you know who did, or have information concerning the query, please reply to [PudlJumper@aol.com](mailto:PudlJumper@aol.com) or to Perry Brake, 5416 60<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98467).

20. John **COLLINS**, b. 1750, and Hannah **COZAD** (dau. of Rev. Jacob **COZAD** and Elizabeth **SUTTON**), b. 1756, married in 1771. They lived in Frederick Co. and Hackers Creek ca. 1795. Their daughter, Hannah **COLLINS**, b. 1795, married Joseph **LIGGETT** in 1814, lived in Warren Co., Ohio. Hannah Collins **LIGGETT** died in North Liberty, IN 1874. Need to verify that John and Hannah **COZAD COLLINS** were parents of Hannah **COLLINS LIGGETT**. Did she have siblings? Please contact Hannah Eldred, 1673 Riverside Dr., South Bend, IN 46616

21. Attempting to obtain photographs of ancestors...need photographs of the following individuals who resided in the Upshur/Lewis/Pendleton County area: George W. SNYDER (1843-1887) and wife, Marietta (BARGERHOFF) Snyder (1841-1871); Samuel S. SNYDER (ca 1805-1899) and wife, Mary Jane (HOWELL) SNYDER (1816-1888); William BARGERHOFF, Sr. (ca 1790-1869) and wife, Barbara (COOPER) BARGERHOFF (1788-1855); Christopher T. CUTRIGHT (1810-1892) and wife, Lucinda "Sinai" PRINGLE (1807- ca 1885); Katherine (EVICK) Burgoyne RAINES (ca. 1811 - ca 1885). Please contact Glenda Eisenhour, 3701 Ridgewood Dr, Edmond, OK 73013.

22. Seeking information on Charles, son of Daniel Stephen RADCLIFF. Daniel had seven other sons as follows: John, b. 1769, m. Catherine FRY, lived in Harrison Co., WV; William, b. abt 1744, d. 1827, m. Deborah HUGHES, lived, died in WV; Stephen, b. 1759, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, lived in WV, then Bourbon Co., KY, then Jackson, OH; Edward, b. \_\_\_\_, m. Mary \_\_\_\_, lived in WV, KY, and IL; Richard, b. ca. 1738, m. Jane ADAMS, lived in Garrard Co., KY; Daniel, Jr., b. 1784, lived in WV, then Bourbon Co., KY, OH, and IL; and Benjamin, b. ca. 1757, m. Christianne REED, lived in KY, then OH. Anybody having information on an eight son, Charles, or on any of the missing info above, please contact Gary Radcliffe at [glradcliffe@earthlink.net](mailto:glradcliffe@earthlink.net) or by snail mail at 1024 So. Pircedale, West Covina, CA 91790.

23. Searching for one of my FORBEARS. I only have three now. Please contact [Goldilocks@aol.com](mailto:Goldilocks@aol.com). Sorry, folks...couldn't resist it! (Submitted by Barbara Harvey)

»»»» *Recollections of a Lifetime* »»»»  
by Daniel S. Dewees

Paula Spaulding recently edited and republished "Recollections of a Lifetime" by Daniel S. Dewees. Dewees rates with John House of Roane and Jackson Counties as one of the most knowledgeable and respected historians of earlier times in Central West Virginia. Dewees' stories tell of those who settled what is now the Gilmer/Calhoun/Braxton county area. An appendix lists the following surnames with lineage: BARNES, BOGGS, CONNALLY, COTTRELL, DEWEES, HARDMAN, RIDDLE, SCHOOLCRAFT, STALNAKER, STARCHER, STUMP, etc. Many other surnames are noted in the book.

Soft-cover editions of this 100-page, indexed book are available for \$20, including shipping. To order, mail check to Paula Spaulding at 13232 Darryl Drive, Warren, MI 48093. E-mail: [paulaspa@flash](mailto:paulaspa@flash).

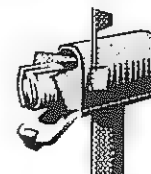
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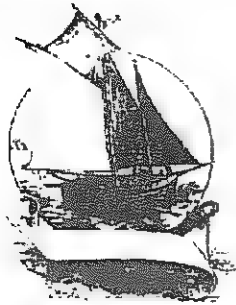
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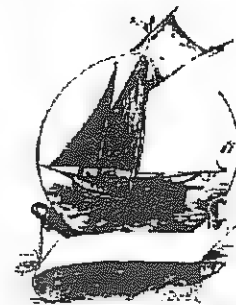
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# RIFFLE

by Cindy Ethier-Kostka



Editorial Note - In addition to being of interest to **Riffle** researchers, this article gives an informative and interesting insight into the hardships endured by German and probably other European emigrants in the eighteenth Century.

My 5th great grandfather was Jacob **Riffle** Sr. It is believed that he came to America in 1750 from Germany. According to the book *Pennsylvania Pioneers* by Strassburger a Jacob **Riffel** arrived on the ship *Phoenix* in Philadelphia on August 28, 1750. The ship was from Rotterdam and then last sailed from Cowes, England to Philadelphia.

In 1750 German emigration was greatly promoted. In the book *The Germans in America 1607-1970* by Furer is a letter from a German Lutheran pastor who described first hand the techniques used to lure German citizens to America. Here is an excerpt from a letter written May 21, 1750 by Peter Brunnholtz: "Last autumn about twenty-five ships arrived here with Germans. The number of those who arrived alive was 1,049 among whom there were also about twelve who were school masters in the old country, but on account of small pay, and in the hope of improvement, moved into this, and in part they had been engaged in other pursuits. They would have better remained where they were.....In this month, ships again frequently arrive with Germans, so that about ten have already come. The province is crowded full of people, and living becomes continually more expensive. Those who come in free-- who had something in the old country, but consumed that which they had on an expensive voyage---see that it is otherwise than was represented to them, whine and cry.....The Newlanders, as they are here called, are such as do not work, and still wish to become rich speedily, and for this reason they go out into Wurttemberg and vicinity, and persuade the people to come to this country, alleging that everything was here that they could wish for, that such a country like this, there was none in the world, and that everyone could become rich as noblemen, etc. These deceivers have this profit in it, that they with their merchandise are brought in free, and in addition, for every head they bring to Amsterdam or to Rotterdam, they receive a certain sum from the merchants. The owners of these vessels derive much money herefrom in freightage. They pack them into the ships as if they were herring, and when they arrive, there are so many sick and dying among them that it is pitiful to behold them. Those, however, who have nothing, and are in debt also for their passage are taken to small huts, where they lie on straw, and are corrupted like cattle, and in part half deprived of their reason....."

Also in Furer's book are intense accounts from a German in his own words about what people endured aboard ships sailing to America...."I'd say the conditions were not fit for man nor beast." Gottlieb Mittleberger came to the colonies in 1750 and after a four year stay returned home to counter rosy accounts of America, with his own report on the miseries induced by German-speaking immigrants, especially the "redemptioners"

This selection is a portion of Mittleberger's report. It reads, "This journey lasts from the beginning of May to the end of October, fully half a year, amid such hardships as no one is able to describe adequately with their misery. The cause is because the Rhine-boats from Heilbronn to Holland have to pass by 36 custom-houses, at all of which the ships are examined, which is done when it suits the convenience of the custom-house officials. In the meantime the ships with the people are detained long, so that the passengers have to spend much money. The trip down the Rhine alone lasts therefore 4, 5, and even 6 weeks. When the ships with the people come to Holland, they are detained there likewise 5 or 6 weeks.....Both in Rotterdam and in Amsterdam the people are packed densely, like herrings so to say, in the large sea-vessels. One person receives a place of scarcely 2 feet width and 6 feet length in the bedstead, while many a ship carries four to six hundred souls; not to mention the innumerable implements, tools, provisions, water-barrels and other things which likewise occupy much space. On account of contrary winds it takes the ships sometimes 2, 3, and 4 weeks to make the trip from Holland to Kaupé (Cowes) in England. But when the wind is good, they get there in 8 days or even sooner.....the real misery begins with the long voyage. For from there the ships, unless they have good wind, must often sail 8, 9, 10 to 12 weeks before they reach Philadelphia. But even with the best wind the voyage lasts 7 weeks. But during the voyage there is on board these ships terrible misery, stench, fumes, horror, vomiting, many kinds of seasickness, fever, dysentery, headache, heat, constipation, boils, scurvy, cancer, mouth-rot, and the like, all of which come from old and sharply salted food and meat, also from very bad and foul water, so that many die miserably. Add to this want of provisions, hunger, thirst, frost, heat, dampness, anxiety, want, afflictions and lamentations, together with other trouble, as c.v. the lice abound so frightfully, especially on sick people, that they can be scraped off the body. The misery reaches the climax when a gale rages for 2 or 3 nights and days, so that everyone believes that the ship will go to the bottom with all human beings on board. In such a visitation the people cry and pray most piteously.....The sight of land makes the people on board the ship especially the sick and the half dead, well again so that their hearts leap within them, they shout and rejoice, and are content to hear their misery in patience, in the hope that they may soon reach the land in safety. But alas!"

With this it seems that the German immigrants endured a great deal of trauma to come to America for a better life, but was it? In addition to what they endured on ships some of them were bought like slaves if they did not have enough money to get off the ship. Mittleberger goes on with the stories of the sales of human beings in the market on board the ship...."Everyday Englishmen, Dutchmen and High-German people come from the city of Philadelphia and other places, in part from a great distance....and go on board the newly arrived ship that has brought and offers for sale passengers from Europe, and select among the healthy persons such as they deem suitable for their business, and bargain with them how long



they will serve for their passage-money, which most of them are still in debt for. When they come to an agreement, it happens that adult persons bind themselves in writing to serve three, four, five, or six years for the amount due by them, according to their age and strength. But very young people, from 10 to 15 years, must serve until they are 21 years old."

After reading these articles written in the 1750's, I have to wonder just what my 5th great grandfather Jacob Riffle endured on his journey to America. I tend to believe that he endured the above as these articles, along with the book by Strassburger, have in common, data such as the ship *Phoenix* that Jacob may have been a passenger on, sailed out of Rotterdam and was last from Cowes, England. Both of these locations and the time frame seems to fit with what has been learned about Jacob's possible journey.

It is known that Jacob had at least one brother, Francis Riffle who was killed during an Indian massacre on May 12, 1781 in between Becky's Creek and Riffle's Creek in Randolph County, (West)Virginia. He was married to Eleanor and it is believed they had seven children, two of them were named Susan and Catherine. Francis and Eleanor still have descendants living in West Virginia today.

There was also another Riffle in Mason County by the name of Mathias. He was born circa 1750-1770. Could this man have been another brother to Jacob? There are many descendants of Mathias and his wife, Mary Catherine, also currently living in West Virginia.

It is understood that aboard the ships, only men over the age of eighteen were allowed to sign the ships passenger book. Could this explain why Francis and maybe even Mathias are not listed. There are many possibilities to this mystery and it will take a great deal more of research.

It should also be noted here that there was another Mathias Riffle in Pennsylvania. He was born in Rhineland, Germany in 1722. He was married to Christina Danner about 1748 and they had several children. Mathias died in 1792 and Christina in 1801 in Mount Joy, York County, PA. This family was of the Catholic faith. Could this Mathias have been an uncle to Jacob?

Back to Jacob. After being in Pennsylvania for sometime, Jacob found himself in Virginia. The *History of Randolph County* by Hu Maxwell written in 1898 says "Jacob Riffle was one of the first settlers in Randolph County. There is evidence that he was in the valley in 1772, and that he subsequently owned or had claim upon 300 acres of land on the creek named from him...The tradition is that he deserted from the Virginia Army during the French and Indian War and in his efforts to hide, he found his way into Tygart's Valley soon after the Pringles, also deserters, had made their camp in a hollow sycamore on the Buckhannon. He is said to have owned two slaves. His son's name was Jacob and he, probably accompanied by his father, moved to Braxton County at an early date."

It is said that in 1768 in Harrison County, Virginia, Jacob married a woman by the name of Dorothy and they had 10 children. Dorothy's maiden name is truly not

known yet, but some researchers believe it to be **Plyman** or **Plymale** or even **Samuels**. She was probably born circa 1745 and she died about 1817 in Braxton County. It is believed she was living with her son Francis in Bulltown when she may have died. (Bulltown was where the Burnsville Recreational area and dam is presently.)

Jacob and Dorothy's eleven children (as well as some grandchildren) were all mentioned in statements regarding the estate of Jacob Riffle, Sr after he died in late 1816. They were: Mary "Molly" born circa 1764, married George S. Shaver and had 4 children - Catherine born circa 1765, married George Wilson and had 7 children - David born circa 1770 married Margaret Swisic Ward and had 3 children - Dorothy "Dolly" born circa 1750, married 1st unknown Plyman and had at least one child...2nd husband was Leonard Hyre III, children unknown to me - Peter born circa 1770, unknown who he married, but had two children - Jacob, Jr. born about February 26, 1774, married Elizabeth Boarer and had 4 children and then married his second wife Margaret Bailey - Christina born circa 1765-1784, married John Michael Nail and may have had 4 children. There is discrepancy as to the surname Nail, possibly being O'Nail or other variations. It is spelled different ways in numerous legal documents regarding the estate of Jacob Riffle Sr. - Frances "Frank" born circa 1772, married 1st Eva Mace may have had 10 children, 2nd Sarah Ocheltree, no children, and 3rd wife was Elizabeth Conrad and they had 1 son - George Strunk born circa 1784, married his first wife Margaret Helmick and had 2 children and then he married Susannah McCauley and had 3 children. - Isaac born 1785, 2 marriages - see below\* - Elizabeth born 1780-1790 married Nicholas Mace aka Nicholas Wilmoth.

The seventh child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Jacob Isaac Riffle born February 22, 1822. He married his first wife Francina Elizabeth Blake August 20, 1846 and they had 10 children: William, John Scott, Amanda, Stewart, Samantha, James, Nancy, Benjamin, Thurmissa and Andrew. Jacob Isaac Riffle married his second wife Matilda Conrad on March 29, 1874 and they had 10 children: Eli, Martin, Wash, Virginia, Jacob, Oscar, Arch, Ollie, George and Tillie.

Jacob I. and Francina's second child was my 2nd great grandfather. His name was John Scott Riffle. He was born March 8, 1848. He married his first wife Mary Ann Skinner July 21, 1872. They had 8 children: Effie, Joseph, Ora, Ennie, Ray, Hallie, Mammie and Ebbert. John Scott's second wife was Nancy Keller Aylor.

John Scott and Mary Ann's second child, Joseph Emery Riffle, born June 22, 1875 in Orlando, Lewis County, West Virginia was my great grandfather. He married

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• Isaac Riffle Sr. born in Randolph County, (West) Virginia was my 4th great grandfather. He married his first wife Elizabeth Wash November 10, 1805 in Randolph County and they had 12 children: Absolom, John William, Barbara, Mary, Esther, Elizabeth, Jacob Isaac, Susanna, unnamed daughter, unnamed son, Isaac Jr. and William Mark. Isaac Riffle Sr married his second wife, Dorothy Jane Plyman. She was also his great neice, being the granddaughter of his sister Dorothy. Isaac and his second wife had three children: Patrick, Andrew and Homer.

Alice Skinner and they had 16 children, 10 living to adulthood. They were: Grace, Okey, Joseph, Brannon, Marguerite, Glen, Jessie, Marion, Elton, Benjamin, Elna, Porter, Kathryn, Claude, Billy and Benjamin. Joseph Emery Riffle also had a child before he was married to Betty named Ralph.

My grandmother, Grace Mabel Riffle was the oldest of the 16 children. She was born November 25, 1898 in Orlando. She married George William Reynolds from Portland, Maine on November 1, 1920 in Washington D.C. and they had 2 daughters, Betty and Bernice.

Bernice married Donald Howard Ethier of Brockton, Massachusetts on December 9, 1950. They met in the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey and were married just over 43 years when he died. They had 3 children - two sons and one daughter, Cindy Ethel Ethier born October 17, 1968 in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Cindy Ethel Ethier married John Joseph Kostka born March 5, 1963 in Boston. They were married July 21, 1990 at Fort Devens Post Chapel in Ayer, Massachusetts and have two children.

*Although this is my direct descendant's line, I am researching the families of all Jacob and Dorothy Riffle's children and their families, as well as ALL Riffles that I can find. I hope to make that link someday to all of them. I welcome input from other researchers. I have been very successful in some of my research finding many descendants who are also researching different parts of the family.*

*Cindy Ethier-Kostka*

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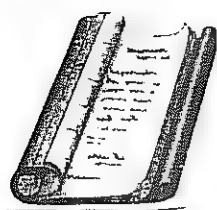
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Don't wait for a special invitation to submit queries (requests for help finding answers to research questions that have been bugging you for months) to be included in **Roots, Branches and Leaves**, or research tips to be included in **Genealogy Genius**. Submit them at any time to the HCPD staff at Horner, or to Perry "Buzz" Brake who pulls these two articles together. You can contact Buzz at [Pudljumper@aol.com](mailto:Pudljumper@aol.com) if you have e-mail, or if not, by post at 5416 60<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98467-2979.



## Sketches of Old

A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923.

### *Reverend Omar U. Marple*



Rev. Omar U. Marple was born January 17, 1864, in Upshur County, where his early educational training in the public schools was supplemented by a course at Buckhannon Wesleyan College, following his graduation from which he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During his long, industrious and useful career as a minister Reverend Marple has filled many pulpits in West Virginia, including those at Wheeling, Salem, Benwood, South Charleston and Belington, and at the present time is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dunbar. His ministerial work has been prolific of good results, and wherever he has been assigned he has won the affection and esteem of his people. In politics he is a republican. Reverend Marple married Miss Mary E. McDermott, who was born in Upshur County, West Virginia, November 17, 1862, and they became the parents of four children: Stella; residing with her parents, the widow of the late I. B. Pugh, who was a mechanical engineer; Festus O., M. D., of Huntington, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who served during the World war in the United States Army Medical Corps, with the rank of first lieutenant; Dr. Audry I., of this record; and O. Upton, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Upshur County.

Reared in Upshur County, Dr. Audry I. Marple attended the public schools there, following which he pursued a course in the preparatory school of the West Virginia University at Morgantown, and then entered the University of Cincinnati (Ohio) College of Dental Surgery, from which he graduated as a member of the class of 1914, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. While at college he was admitted to membership in the Psi Omega Greek letter college fraternity, and he served two years as president of his class. Almost immediately after his graduation Doctor Marple commenced the practice of his profession at Huntington, where he has built up a large and representative practice among the best families in the city, his offices being located at No. 211 First National Bank Building. He is highly regarded in his calling and belongs to the various leading dental bodies. He served as secretary of Huntington Dental Society for three years, served for one term as secretary of the State Dental Society and was chairman of the organization committee for two years in the state society. In politics he is a republican, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a member of the board of stewards. He belongs to the Guyan Country Club, is a member of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club and acts as manager of the Kiwanis Male Chorus. Doctor Marple is the owner of a modern home at No. 302 Twelfth Avenue, located in one of Huntington's exclusive residential districts. In April, 1917, Doctor Marple enlisted

in the United States Army Dental Corps, received his commission as first lieutenant and was assigned to service at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, where he remained until receiving his honorable discharge December 16, 1918.

In 1916, at Huntington, Doctor Marple was united in marriage with Miss Bess Lowry, who was educated at Marshall College, Huntington, a daughter of John M. and Bess (Mann) Lowry, residents of this city, where Mr. Lowry is engaged in the drug business. Doctor and Mrs. Marple are the parents of two children: John Lowry, born February 4, 1917; and Sarah Lee, born August 17, 1920.

### *Audry L. Marple, D. D. S.*

Included among the leaders of the Cabell County dental fraternity is Dr. Audry I. Marple, who has been engaged in a successful and constantly-growing practice at Huntington since 1914. Doctor Marple's equipment for his profession includes a thorough training, devotion to his calling, technical skill and practical knowledge, and a sympathetic nature that has gained him confidence, friendships and added patronage. He is a native of Upshur County, West Virginia, and was born September 9, 1886, his parents being Rev. Omar U. and Mary E. (McDermott) Marple.

## HERALDRY

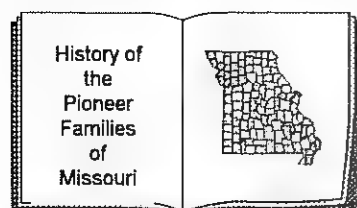
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In addition to having the advantage of being part of and familiar with the region common to HCPD members, Charlie is Captain of Arms with the American College of Heraldry, University of Alabama, and also registered with the Department of National Education, Bureau of Heraldry, in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. He is also a Knight Hospitaller in the international chivalric organization of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.

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## Book Review

This book report was written by Crystal V. Wagoner, 602 Aldersgate Court, Katy, TX 77450-2201. Crystal has graciously offered to do lookups for those who know or think they might have had ancestors in Missouri, but don't have access to the book. Just send a SASE. Thank you, Crystal!

### "A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri"

by William S. Bryan and Robert Rose

*Printed for the first time in 1935 by W. W. Elwamy and published by Lucas Brothers of Columbia, Mo. Reprinted in 1984 by Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated of Baltimore, MD.*

*Robert Rose was responsible for Pioneer Families. He was a good natured fellow with a roving disposition, visiting all around the countryside on horseback, quizzing as many old timers as possible about their families.*

*As the eastern United States became over-populated, the people moved west. Every state was represented by those moving to Missouri.*

*Upper Louisiana, or "New Spain" as the area was called in 1764, was settled by a company of French merchants, an honor (it later became St. Louis) from the King of France.*

*Until 1816, the Territory of Missouri extended from the Missouri River on the south, the British possessions on the north, and from the Mississippi River on the east to the Pacific Ocean on the west. In 1818, the people of the Territory of Missouri tried for statehood. After several long years, it was accepted as the State of Missouri in 1820-21, with a new boundary.*

*Over 800 families, from every state, came to Missouri and are listed in this book, with vital information, along with several generations of children for some. John Dodge came in 1787, settling in what is now Genevieve County. Daniel Boone's life is well covered in 54 pages about his life, family, and adventures.*

*Black Hawk, celebrated Indian Chief of the Sae and Fox Tribes, gave the account of his life to Mr. Antoine Lechair in August, 1833. Black Hawk, born in 1767 at the Sae Village on Rock River, was 67 years old when he told his life story (40 pages).*

*Around 1833, a German group arrived in Missouri from Hespers, Germany. Others followed, mainly due to the efforts of Gotfried Duden, who traveled all over the*

*United States in 1824, returning home to write a book on the life, laws, and country of America.*

*(p. 290) A See family from Germany, Adam, George, and Michael See, and seven sisters, arrived in Hardy County, VA. Michael married Catherine Baker in Hardy County (see "History of Hardy County" by Judy, page 312) and by 1838, they are mentioned in the book as having children in Montgomery County, Missouri.*

*(p. 263) Andrew Jager and his wife lived in Greenbrier County, VA, with seven children: John, Tabias, Philip, William, Peter, Elizabeth, and Sarah. Peter changed the family name of Jager to Hunter (Jäger, pronounced "yayger," means hunter in German) and married Margaret Wood. By 1819, he and his family and two sisters had come to Montgomery County, MO.*

*(p. 252) John Davis, born 30 October 1791 in Shenandoah County, VA, the eldest son of Thomas Davis, participated in the War of 1812 in Kentucky, and was in Missouri by 1820. John Davis had a son living in Navoo, Illinois, and a brother-in-law, Reverend Thomas Johnson who was an Indian missionary in what is now Kansas City.*

*(p. 159) Daniel Iman and his wife, Barbara (Alkire) Iman came to St. Charles County, MO, in 1818. They had 9 children: Washington, Adam, Isaac, Daniel, Henry, Solomon, Katy, Mary, and Mahala. Marriages are given for the children.*

*(p. 200) Colonel Thomas W. Cunningham of Virginia came to St. Charles County, MO, in 1830. The history of his life in Missouri is covered. He married Elizabeth A. Christman of Lincoln county and they had 6 children: Jasepha, Theresa, Henry A., John C., Thomas S., and Bettie Barr. More information is given on the children.*

*(p. 171) John McCluer (b. 11 Nov 1750, d. 1820, Revolutionary War soldier) married his cousin, Nancy McCluer at the Natural Bridge in Virginia. Both were of Irish descent. Their children were Arthur, John, Nathan, Robert, Catharine, Jeanette, Nancy, and Elizabeth. Nancy married James Alexander and they came to St. Charles County, MO, in 1829.*

*(p. 186) Felix Scott Monongahela County, VA, came to St. Charles County, MO, in 1820. He was a lawyer and served in the Legislature and Senate several times. In 1846 he moved to California, and then to Oregon. He was married twice and had several children: Tasewell, George, Presley, Herma S., Nancy, Ellen, Harriet, Julia, Felix, Jr., Maria, and Marion.*

*(p. 145) Daniel Darst was born in Shenandoah County, VA, 17 Dec 1757 and died in St. Charles County, MO, on 2 December 1826. He married Rosetta Holman (daughter of Henry), born in Maryland on 13 Jan 1736, died in Callaway County, MO, on 13 November 1848. They moved to Woodford County, KY, in 1784, then to Darst's Bottom, Missouri in 1798 with seven children: Mary, married Thomas Smith, who later married Mary's sister, Elizabeth, after Mary's death; Absalom; Isaac who married Phoebe Bryan; Sarah; and Samuel. Sarah and Samuel died young. Jacob lived in Texas and was killed by the side of Colonel Crockett at the Battle of the Alamo.*

(p. 207) *Jacob Coil, born in 1780 in Pendleton County, VA, died 1840 at Loutre Island, MO, in 1817. He was married twice and had 9 children. The oldest son, Jacob, Jr., married Sarah Gibson.*

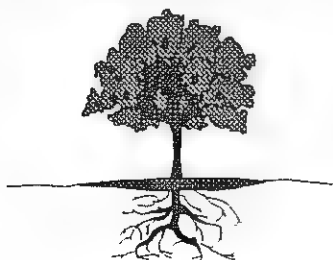
(p. 211) *Thomas Graves of Culpepper County, VA (a Revolutionary War soldier) married widow Simms with whom he had Thomas N., Elizabeth, Nancy, Lucy, and Walter. They moved from Kentucky to Warren County, MO in 1820. Thomas N. married Mary Mason of Virginia in 1806.*

(p. 215) *John Hughes of England went to America and settled in Virginia where he married and raised three children: John, Jr., Nancy, and Mary A (Mary's children are listed).*

(p. 217) *Reverend Nicholas C. Kabler of Campbell County, VA married Sarah Golden of VA and came to Warren County, MO, in 1830. They were Methodists. Their children were Ellen, Simeon, William a., Lucy, Anna, Parks, and Charles. Charles moved to California.*

(p. 217) *John Kennedy of Ireland came to America and settled in Virginia before the Revolutionary War. His wife was Margaret Rowan. Their children were John, James, William, Thomas, George, Abraham, Margaret, and Jane. John was killed by Indians in Tennessee. James settled in South Carolina and died there. William was captured by the British and died aboard a prison ship. George and Margaret were killed by Indians in Tennessee. Their mother also died in Tennessee. Abraham came to Missouri in 1808 and joined Boone's Rangers in 1812. He married Rhoda Cartleman of South Carolina and went to Texas in 1834 where he died. Thomas (a Revolutionary War soldier) went to South Carolina where he married Sarah Gibson. They went to St. Charles County, Missouri in 1807 and had 13 children.*

(p. 498) *Part V has 30 pages of anecdotes and adventures of the early settlers. There is something in this book for everyone...early history from 1719, through statehood, the Indian Wars, religions, settlers, their lives and vital information.*  
C.V.W.



## *Lasting Memories:* *A Guide to Writing Your Family History*

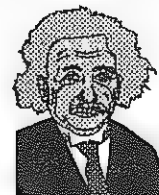
is a book created by two historians with an interest in making history more accessible and enjoyable to the general public. It is designed to both educate and entertain, as it shows you how to write history as your family lived it.

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## Genealogy Genius



This is the start of what is hoped to be a regular feature of the Journal...hints, tips, and brilliant flashes of genius submitted by members on how to get the most from genealogy research efforts. Members are encouraged to share tricks they have tried and found useful. They don't have to be so complex that even Einstein couldn't figure them out...just short, sweet, and to-the-point tips such as the four below submitted by Connie Street, a fifth that is an old trick, perhaps with a new twist, and the last, submitted by Ruth Highland.

*While cleaning and sorting files, I came across a couple of tips I thought I'd pass along...*

**Reading Faded Microfilm.** *Placing a light pastel sheet of paper over the white surface on microfilm readers may help make faded ink more readable. It can also cut down on the glare.*

**Foreign Genealogical Terms.** *The LDS Family History Library has lists of genealogical terms for Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, German, Latin, Spanish, and Portugese languages. Send a #10 SASE to request the list you need. Address is 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.*

**Sticky Notes - a "No No."** *Sticky notes are very acidic. Don't use them on anything you want to save.*

**Removing Stubborn Photos.** *Trying to remove photos from old magnetic albums? Try lifting a corner and blowing warm air from a hair dryer under the photo.*

Connie

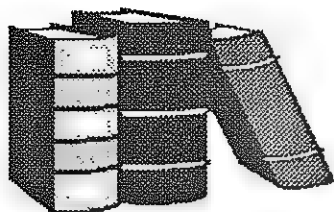
**Photographing Badly Eroded Headstones.** *Trying to photograph a badly eroded headstone, or even a newer one where contrast is weak and the letters hard to read? Try applying shaving crème to the lettering, work it into the engraving, and then carefully wipe it off with a damp sponge. Forgot the sponge? Try the windshield scraper with the semi-rigid rubber edge in the back seat of your car! In either case, be sure to get rid of the suds with plenty of water when the photo session is over.*

Journal Staff

And the final tip.....

**Witness to Deeds.** *In the lower left corner of most old deeds you will find two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side, the next two from the wife's side. That is to protect the one-half dower rights under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give greater clues to maiden names.*

*Minnesota Genealogical Newsletter (Submitted by Ruth Highland)*



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FA 586	Adams Family	
FA 587	Consider Woods and Mary Adams	
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KK 72	Aladdin	
KK 73	Gallery of American Presidents	
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MI	63	Witchcraft	
US	35	America, The Men and Machines that Make	
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US	146	Best Evidence	
US	147	The Boston Massacre	
US	148	Kentucky Women Remembered	
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JO	290D	Frederick Findings (changed from JO 291)	
JO	290E	Frederick Findings	Vivian Hytovick
FA	487	Descendants of Joseph Bailey	Claudia H. Fischer
FA	588	Harrison's Presidential Families	
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FA	590	Samples Family	
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NC	23	News Clipping (was MI 2)	
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FA	605	McNamer McNamar Families	
FA	332B	Stouts	
FA	332C	Stouts and Allied Families	
FA	606	Miscellaneous Families Volume 32	
		Aspinall (Fury Eulogy)	
		Boram	Julie Mathews
		Borrer	
		Bowman - Jackson - Bush - Swisher	Rose Ella (Bowman) Powell
		Bowser	Nancy Ross Neal
		Bowyer Obituary	
		Brake	Philip Brake
		Brandsletter	Rich Brandsletter
		Brannon - Holt	
		Bush - Danser	
FA	607	Miscellaneous Families Volume 33	
		Carter	John Carter
		Casto	Raymond Wolfe
		Cottrill	Shirley Gornam
		Cunningham	Barr Wilson
		Currence Harden	Jeanne Harden
		Darnall	Bob and Nancy Darnall
		Ellis	Harold V. Ellis
		Floyd - Hacker - Wills	Ginger Wills
FA	608	Miscellaneous Families Volume 34	
		Geary - Osborne	
		Grose	Raymond Wolfe
		Hacker	
		Herron	
		Hewitt	Barr Wilson
		Hinzman	Betsy Davis
		Hornbuck	Raymond Wolfe
		Jack	Barr Wilson
		Kelly	
		Kemper	Jane Schmidt
		Lovett	Ruth Robb
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		McCann - Geary	
		McClain	Jim McClain
		McClures	Don Pauley
		Merrill	Kenneth Hall
		Morgantown Pioneers	
		Peterson	Julie Mathews
		Poland	Laura Mallett
		Radcliffe	Gary Radcliff
		Reed - Nutter	Barr Wilson
		Riddle	Nancy Howell

		Robinson	Gay Harlowe
		Roy	Shirley Gorman
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		Self	
		Simmons	Roger Ryan
		Sleeth	William Simmons
		Snider	George Badger
		Steorts	John Alsip
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LO	109	Pleasant County History	Barb McCarty
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FA	614	Abram Rinehart Family	B. W. Wiseman

## UPSHUR COUNTY, WV OBITUARIES AND NEWS ITEMS

1902-1911

This is *Volume 2* of these articles taken from the old Upshur County newspapers. The book is soft covered, spiral bound, 200 pages, 2 columns per page and indexed, the result of three years of research. It was compiled by Lemoyne W. Wolfe and Karon King. The cost is \$26.00 plus \$2.00 for postage.

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## Respected Old Citizens

Some of the Early Pioneers of Lewis County Who have  
Attained the Age of Three Score Years and Ten

The *Democrat* presents to its readers today a list of the pioneers of Lewis County who have reached the age of 70 years and upward. These are the men to whom our people are mostly indebted for the material development of our county. Many of them breasted the storm, when the dark clouds of adversity hung over them, but by their energy and perseverance they have lived to see the clear sky of prosperity and to enjoy the reward which their struggles in their early days have brought to them and their families.

We regret that the list from Court House District failed to reach us in time for publication as it would add the names of many more sturdy and well-known citizens to the honored roll. However, we hope yet to record their names.

From the published list we find that William Craig, of Collins Settlement, has attained the greatest age, being 94, while Jacob A. Hyer of Big Skin Creek, is but one year his junior. "Uncle" John C. Marsh is an old man, being in his 91st year. Quite a number are in the eighties and many of them high up in seventy, all past three score years and then some.

The *Democrat* hopes that they may yet live many years and continue to enjoy the good health in which most of them are reported at this time.

Following is the list. Preserve:

FREEMAN'S CREEK DISTRICT				
Arbogast, Adam	1826	74 years	Hinzman, R. R.	1825 75 years
Arbogast, Daniel	1829	71 years	Hull, J. P.	1819 81 years
Bailey, William J.	1811	89 years	Jarvis, James	1827 73 years
Bailey, J. B.	1813	87 years	Jarvis, Solmon	1826 74 years
Bailey, Lemuel	1819	81 years	Kemper, R. A.	1824 76 years
Bailey, Inman	1821	79 years	Kenney, Martin	1826 74 years
Brown, Jesse	1829	71 years	Keener, William	1823 77 years
Carl, Daniel	1824	76 years	Kerrigan, Timothy	1827 73 years
Doory, John	1829	71 years	Lovell, Enos	1820 80 years
Dean, George W.	1830	70 years	Lohan, Owen	1823 77 years
Flesher, William	1819	81 years	Losh, William	1812 88 years
Faley, Edward	1815	85 years	McNeal, James	1826 74 years
Faley, Michael	1820	80 years	Norris, Wilbur	1826 73 years
Faley, Thomas	1830	70 years	Rexroad, Henry	1817 83 years
Gaston, Abraham	1829	71 years	Simmons, Israel	1823 77 years
			Stockert, J. F.	1829 71 years

Taylor, Thorton T. 1820 80 years  
 Tierney, John 1820 80 years  
 White, Fortunatus 1824 76 years  
 Wright, T. G. 1825 75 years  
 Woofter, Alfred 1830 70 years

## HACKER'S CREEK DISTRICT

Alpine, Nicholas 1828 72 years  
 Batten, Richard 1814 86 years  
 Brown, P. P. 1820 80 years  
 Boyles, John 1825 75 years  
 Burnside, William 1830 70 years  
 Davis, S. D. Rev. 1830 70 years  
 Edmonds, J. 1810 90 years  
 Fisher, Levi P. 1825 75 years  
 Hall, S. W. Dr. 1830 70 years  
 Hill, Marshall 1820 80 years  
 Hall, F. 1828 72 years  
 Jackson, Isaac 1826 74 years  
 Knight, M. 1826 74 years  
 Life, Samuel 1815 85 years  
 Life, Noah 1828 72 years  
 Law, Asa 1815 85 years  
 Lightburn, J. A. J. 1824 76 years  
 Musser, Dr. 1830 70 years  
 Mitchell, Benoni 1812 88 years  
 Straley, Joshua 1830 70 years  
 Wolf, Andrew 1830 70 years  
 Waggoner, William 1816 84 years  
 Walker, Joseph 1830 70 years

## WESTON

Arnold, John G 1926 74 years  
 Brabnon, John 1822 78 years  
 Curtis, J. W. 1828 72 years  
 Dawson, Preston 1817 83 years  
 Harrison, M. W. 1826 74 years  
 Hale, P. M. 1826 74 years  
 Kiearns, Patrick 1820 80 years  
 Lewis, Albert A. 1814 86 years  
 Lively, William E. 1829 71 years  
 Lee, Jerry (col) 1820 80 years  
 Monroe, Alex 1825 75 years  
 McGann, James 1826 74 years  
 Newberger, F. L. 1829 71 years  
 Reynolds, Frank 1830 70 years  
 Smith, Leonidas 1829 71 years  
 Thomas, Smith 1815 85 years

Vandervort, J. C. 1827 73 years  
 White, Elijah 1828? 74 years?

## SKIN CREEK DISTRICT

Curtis, George W. 1822 78 years  
 Chidester, W. V. 1826 74 years  
 Francis, John R. 1828 72 years  
 Forinash, Jacob C. 1821 79 years  
 Forinash, Elias P. 1827 73 years  
 Hyer, Jacob A. 1807 93 years  
 Harris, Wm. C. 1821 77 years  
 Hardman, T. R. 1820 80 years  
 Hornor, Seymore 1816 84 years  
 Hawkins, Thomas 1826 74 years  
 Jones, Henry 1813 87 years  
 Jackson, Randolph 1825 75 years  
 Linger, John D. 1817 83 years  
 Linger, Isaac 1822 78 years  
 Marsh, John C. 1810 90 years  
 Smith, David W. 1826 74 years  
 Shiffett, Henry 1826 74 years  
 Stalnaker, John W. 1822 78 years  
 Taylor, Marshall 1826 74 years  
 Winemiller, Noah 1818 82 years

## COLLINS SETTLEMENT DISTRICT

Bruffey, James 1816 84 years  
 Craig, William 1806 94 years  
 Cook, George 1824 76 years  
 Conrad, George 1828 72 years  
 Dennison, T. E. 1828 72 years  
 Duncan, Cary 1828 72 years  
 Duncan, William 1829 71 years  
 Galford, James H. 1826 74 years  
 Heflin, James 1827 73 years  
 Hall, John S. 1826 74 years  
 Houghton, J. H. 1816 84 years  
 Mullooly, Ody 1825 75 years  
 McClain, T. E. 1820 80 years  
 Rittenhouse, H. H. 1821 79 years  
 Rhodes, Erasmus 1825 75 years  
 Sprigg, S. E. 1821 79 years  
 Smith, W. B. 1823 77 years  
 Smith, Elias 1821 79 years  
 Smith, Samuel 1825 75 years  
 Smith, W. L. 1824 76 years  
 Smith, Henry 1825 75 years  
 Watson, Richard 1820 80 years



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*\*The names listed are those used when the student*

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**Bloom, Max R**  
1933  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Blum, Edgar C**  
1930  
Elm Grove

**Blum, Sidney**  
1945  
Baltimore, MD

**Bobbitt, James M**  
1951  
Bluefield

**Bobbitt, Ray M**  
1909  
Hinton

**Bock, Robert C**  
1929  
Charleston

**Bockar, Arnold**  
1929  
Monsey, NY

**Bodola, Anton Z**  
1935  
Rivesville

**Bogarad, Irwin M**  
1950  
Weirton

**Boggs, Charles H., Jr.**  
1947  
Franklin

**Boggs, Edward H**  
1932  
Franklin

**Boggs, Raymond B**  
1953  
Clarksburg

**Boggs, William C**  
1927  
Franklin

**Boiarsky, Julius L**  
1930  
Charleston

**Bonar, Ethel C**  
1923  
Morgantown

**Bonar, Lloyd D**  
1927  
Moundsville

**Bonar, Martin L**  
1913  
Moundsville

**Bond, Ian H**  
1923  
Roanoke

**Bond, William F**  
1949  
Montgomery

**Bonhan, John T**  
1934  
Guthrie

**Bonnesen, Charles H**  
1959  
Wheeling

**Boocks, Howard E M**  
1916  
Morgantown

**Booher, William T**  
1928  
Wellsburg

**Boone, Ralph H**  
1947  
Elm Grove



**Boone, Reece R**  
1942  
Smithers

**Boone, William H**  
1909  
Ronceverte

**Borinsky, Abraham**  
1933  
Princeton

**Borrer, William B**  
1909  
Davis

**Bos, Jacob K**  
1945  
Buckhannon

**Bos, John F**  
1947  
Buckhannon

**Boscka, David A**  
1956  
Morgantown

**Boso, Clarence H**  
1936  
Washington

**Bourn, Dewey W**  
1928  
Tague

**Bourn, Harvey M**  
1949  
Morgantown

**Bouton, Malcolm A**  
1933  
Fultonville, NY

**Boutwell, William B**  
1945  
Williamson

**Bowers, Charles A**  
1907  
Wheeling

**Bowie, Walter Scott**  
1960  
Morgantown

**Bowles, Martin C**  
1933  
St. Albans

**Bowles, William C**  
1903  
Milton

**Bowman, Robert L**  
1958  
Morgantown

**Boyd, John H**  
1927  
New Wilmington, PA

**Boylen, Harold C**  
1930  
Jane Lew

**Boylew, Audrey E**  
1925  
Philippi

**Braden, James W**  
1931  
Bellton

**Bradford, Bert, Jr.**  
1931  
Pennsboro

**Bradford, John D**  
1951  
Grafton

**Bradley, Garnet B**  
1931  
Hundred

**Bradley, Joe S**  
1925  
Hinton

**Brady, Alfred S., Jr.**  
1930  
Elkins

**Bragg, Arthur D**  
1958  
Gilbert

**Brancazio, Dominic A**  
1949  
Weirton

**Brand, John M**  
1930  
Morgantown

**Brandfield, Ira I**  
1923  
New York, NY

**Brantley, James M**  
1962  
St. Albans

**Brassine, William F**  
1959  
Clarksburg

**Brasuk, John L**  
1953  
Grant Town

**Brasuk, Virginia M**  
1955  
Grant Town

**Bray, Charles M**  
1913  
Elkins

**Brennan, John G**  
1909  
New York, NY

**Brewster, John M**  
1919  
Weston

**Brick, John P**  
1932  
Charleston

**Brindley, Arthur A**  
1907  
Swanton, OH

**Briner, Clifford J**  
1924  
Fayette City, PA

**Bromley, Norman P**  
1958  
Huntington

**Brooks, Arlo P., Jr.**  
1962  
Charleston

**Brooks, Marion H**  
1957  
Glen Rogers

**Brown, Abraham**  
1918  
Philadelphia, PA

**Brown, Charles L**  
1934  
Pt. Pleasant

**Brown, David R**  
1948  
Buckhannon

**Brown, Donald P**  
1941  
Kingwood

**Brown, Elton S**  
1929  
Elkins

**Brown, Eugene S**  
1926  
Summersville

**Brown, Henry A**  
1930  
Charleston

**Brown, James D**  
1947  
Craigsville

**Brown, James D**  
1930  
Summersville

**Brown, James W**  
1921  
Albright

**Brown, John M**  
1930  
Summersville

**Brown, Mary D**  
1949  
Buckhannon

**Brown, Raymond L., Jr.**  
1960  
Welch

**Brown, Richard L**  
1932  
Morgantown

**Brown, William B**  
1930  
Swandale

**Brownfield, Ewing C**  
1926  
Uniontown, PA

**Browning, Richard J**  
1952  
Huntington

**Bruder, Wood H**  
1928  
Morgantown

**Bryan, William H**  
1951  
Huntington

**Bryant, James L., Jr.**  
1959  
Belle

**Buchanan, Harry G**  
1960  
Gilbert

**Buchanan, Lester**  
1906  
W. Alexander, PA

**Bluff, Isadore I**  
1927  
Charleston

**Bullard, Arch H., Jr.**  
1941  
Triadelphia

**Bullington, Walter G**  
1953  
St. Albans

**Burner, Allen E**  
1903  
Cass

**Burner, Ralph B**  
1947  
Philippi

**Burnett, William H**  
1933  
Fairmont

**Burth, Henry W**  
1925  
New York, NY

**Burton, William P**  
1919  
Matoaka

**Busch, Gail W**  
1950  
Elkins

**Bush, Alfred K**  
1938  
Glenville

**Bush, Ivan H., Jr.**  
1946  
Reedy

**Bush, Louis**  
1933  
New York, NY

**Busquets, Salvador C**  
1936  
Juana Dias, PR

**Butcher, Michael D**  
1962  
Weston

**Butler, Andrew K**  
1934  
Elm Grove

**Butt, Kenneth L**  
1928  
Elkins

**Buttermore, Ralph M**  
1935  
Wellsburg

**Buvinger, Ralph S**  
1926  
Wilkinsburg, PA

**Byers, Charles F**  
1922  
Mt. Vernon, OH

**Caceres, Santiago B**  
1917  
Humaco, PR

**Cadden, Arthur V**  
1925  
Keyser

**Cadden, Edward R**  
1933  
Madison

**Cahill, Delvin R**  
1930  
Fairmont

**Cain, Alvin L**  
1941  
Fairmont

**Caldwell, Mark E**  
1907  
Charleston

**Calfee, James E**  
1939  
Whitesville

**Calhoun, Joseph H**  
1958  
Moorefield

**Callaghan, Thomas T**  
1924  
Craigs ville

**Callison, Harper T**  
1953  
Marlinton

**Callison, James G**  
1905  
Leivasy

**Calvert, James W**  
1922  
Morgantown

**Cameron, Hazel C**  
1928  
Morgantown

**Campbell, Carl B**  
1911  
New Kensington, PA

**Campbell, George H**  
1903  
Kasson

**Campbell, James A**  
1933  
Beckley

**Campbell, John E**  
1931  
Philippi

**Campbell, Ovid S**  
1907  
Volga

**Campbell, Raymond C**  
1933  
Buckhannon

**Campbell, Thomas A**  
1933  
Scotdale, PA

**Canada, William H**  
1952  
Huntington

**Canter, Hyman**  
1919  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Cantor, Paul D**  
1936  
Fairmont

**Caperton, Erskine M., Jr.**  
1960  
Mt. Hope

**Capito, Michael I**  
1931  
Warren, OH

**Caplan, Rivin L**  
1934  
Clarksburg

**Carbonnell, Maj. Arturo M,** 1907  
Puerto Rico

**Cardea, John A**  
1962  
Welch

**Carder, James B**  
1924  
Long Run

**Carlino, James T**  
1931  
Punxsutawney, PA

**Carney, Harry B A**  
1926  
Charleston

**Carr, Joe F**  
1940  
Princeton

**Carr, Walter H**  
1931  
War

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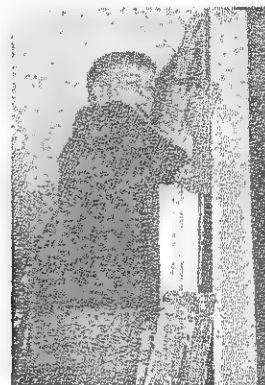


Bertha **Wood Allman** did her best impersonation of Betsy Ross recently in helping the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants organization move into its new library at Horner. Allman, a resident of Philippi, sewed eight pairs of plaid curtains, along with eight sets of tiers, for windows at the new site.

Her husband, Maurice **Allman**, assisted in the project by making 16 curtain rods to fit the wide windows at the former Horner School building. **M. Allman** designed and constructed the rods from one-half-inch tubing and wooden finials.

Also assisting in the beautification effort was Bertha's grandson, "Grayson H. **Smith** of Philippi, who installed the curtain rod hangers. **Smith** is the great-grandson of the late Dr. Howard **Smith** of Philippi, the great-grandson of John **Hacker**, the first permanent settler of Hacker's Creek. Bertha's great-greatgrandfather, Thomas **Epison** of Mingo, was a scout for General Robert E. **Lee** during the Civil War.

**M. Allman** is one of the **Hacker** descendants. He was born near Hacker's Creek in the community of Fairview between Jane Lew and Berlin.



## A Message from the Editor

Cousins,

It's been so long since I've had an opportunity to help with the Journal that I feel like a new member just learning about the organization!

This past year has been filled with unusual, unexpected events...I'm just grateful that we have not only survived but have been able to move forward. Although we have much to do to make our new home more comfortable we can be proud of our accomplishments. At the *Gathering* in August, we tried to acknowledge the volunteers who worked so hard to move the library and settle it in its present facility. Without them, we would still be struggling.

Linda Meyers and Perry Brake have done stellar work on our Journals. Joy gathers the material, they organize, type, prepare for printing, and return it to us for local printing. Available volunteers gather for a day of packaging and labeling...so you can see how many people work to get your publication to you. We want to say a special "thank you" to those who have contributed articles and materials for HCJ. Keep them coming!

Have a wonderful holiday season...let us hear from you...and come see us when you can!

Love, *Cousin Raydine*

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